

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

ZHOUYI WANG

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 6, 2017*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Zhouyi Wang for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Zhouyi Wang is a student at Drake Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Zhouyi Wang is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Zhouyi Wang for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

### HONORING NEW CITIZENS

### HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 6, 2017*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and sincerity that I take this time to congratulate thirty individuals who will take their oaths of citizenship on Friday, June 9, 2017. This memorable occasion, presided over by Magistrate Judge John E. Martin, will be held at the United States Courthouse and Federal Building in Hammond, Indiana.

America is a country founded by immigrants. From its beginning, settlers have come from countries around the world to the United States in search of better lives for their families. Oath ceremonies are a shining example of what is so great about the United States of America—that people from all over the world can come together and unite as members of a free, democratic nation. These individuals realize that nowhere else in the world offers a better opportunity for success than here in America.

On June 9, 2017, the following people, representing many nations throughout the world, will take their oaths of citizenship in Hammond, Indiana: Fabian Alejandro Gonzalez Franco, Muralidhar Ganji, Qiang Xu, Gustavo Quijada Vega, Alan John McDonald, Marco Antonio Gonzalez Jimenez, Krysta Carmella Ma Abuyo Mapoy, Miao Cai, Blagica Bujaroska, Penina Kagwiria Imanene, Gaulo Amezcu Luna, Marvin Antonio Sandoval, Dolores Eumelia Romero, Paula Phan Duong, Juan Diego Salgado, Hang Trung Dinh, Noe Joel Salazar, Ahmed Abed Kanaan, Vicar

Serrano Valencia, Thales Felipe Neves Pontes, Mara Carolina Stibitz, Smruti Prabodhchandra Damania, Tatiana Carolina Zambrano Marin, Ishvarbhai Venabhai Patel, Pascual Lopez Rocha, Laura Ivonne Carmona Garcia, Liz Yessica Relinski, Yongtao Zhang, Maryrose Sachiko Moore, and Apollo Raj Velummylum.

Although each individual has sought to become a citizen of the United States for his or her own reasons, be it for education, occupation, or to offer their loved ones better lives, each is inspired by the fact that the United States of America is, as Abraham Lincoln described it, a country “. . . of the people, by the people, and for the people.” They realize that the United States is truly a free nation. By seeking American citizenship, they have made the decision that they want to live in a place where, as guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution, they can practice religion as they choose, speak their minds without fear of punishment, and assemble in peaceful protest should they choose to do so.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating these individuals who will become citizens of the United States of America on June 9, 2017. They, too, are American citizens, and they, too, are guaranteed the inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We, as a free and democratic nation, congratulate them and welcome them.

### HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF RALPH PONTILLO

### HON. MIKE KELLY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 6, 2017*

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize one of my constituents from Western Pennsylvania, Mr. Ralph Pontillo. Following nearly 30 years of service, Ralph recently retired as president of the Manufacturer & Business Association (MBA), a professional trade organization that represents more than 3,000 member companies in the tri-state region.

Ralph is a veteran of the United States Air Force and a native of Erie County, where he graduated from Strong Vincent High School and Gannon University, earning a baccalaureate degree in political science. Ralph joined the MBA in 1987 and served as manager of member services until he was named president on April 1, 1990. Ralph maintained his role as president for the following three decades, creating a legacy built on advocating for the business community.

Throughout his tenure, Ralph was instrumental in much of the MBA's success, including the facility relocation to its present headquarters and the construction of the MBA's Conference Center. These two projects allowed the MBA to expand and offer additional programs and services, enabling the MBA to

become one of the largest regional employer associations of its kind.

Ralph is credited with spearheading one of the MBA's most visible community outreach programs, the annual Roar on the Shore® charitable motorcycle rally. Roar on the Shore® is one of the fastest-growing charitable motorcycle rallies in the United States, attracting approximately 165,000 visitors to the Erie area annually, creating an economic boost of more than \$25 million. Over the past ten years, the rally has raised more than \$800,000 for local charities.

Ralph has actively participated in a number of local, state and national boards, voluntarily dedicating his time and effort in order to support various initiatives. Ralph is a member of the American Society of Association Executives and for more than 20 years has maintained the status of a Certified Association Executive, a professional designation that recognizes the highest level of achievement and excellence in the profession. Ralph's expertise has been an absolute asset to the various boards and organizations with which he has been involved.

Ralph is an admirable professional who has created a praiseworthy legacy built on advocacy and service. He took advantage of his role as President of the MBA, continuously striving for greatness in all that he did. Ralph has made lasting contributions and the Erie community will reap the benefits of his efforts long after his retirement. Ralph will be remembered as a catalyst for improvement and a longtime champion for the business community.

### CANTERBURY COUGARS BASEBALL

### HON. FRANCIS ROONEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 6, 2017*

Mr. FRANCIS ROONEY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Canterbury School's men's baseball team for their second consecutive Class 3A State Championship. The Cougars clinched the Title following their tremendous 4–1 victory over Jacksonville University Christian at Hammond Stadium in their hometown of Fort Myers. This triumph came through their outstanding teamwork and ability to adapt during games. The Title caps off an excellent season where the team achieved an astounding record of 27 wins to just 5 losses.

I congratulate the Canterbury Cougars and Head Coach Frank Turco for an excellent season and this unforgettable win. I look forward to seeing the accomplishments of these young men in the years to come.

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RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF MR. DON MASCH AFTER NEARLY 23 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH ATK AND VISTA OUTDOOR, INC.

### HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 6, 2017*

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of Mr. Don Masch after nearly 23 years of service with ATK and Vista Outdoor, Inc.

Don was born and raised in Waterbury, Connecticut and graduated from Sacred Heart High School in 1966. After high school, he attended the University of Connecticut and graduated in 1970 with a degree in Political Science.

As a Distinguished Military Graduate, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. Don served in a variety of command and staff positions in the United States and overseas, including assignments to Syria, Lebanon, Germany and Israel. He holds a Master of Arts in National Security Affairs from the United States Naval Postgraduate School, and is a graduate of the Defense Language Institute and Army Command and General Staff College. In the Pentagon, he served on the Army Staff and in the Secretary of the Army's Office of Legislative Liaison, retiring in 1993 as a Lieutenant Colonel.

Don Masch began his career in industry in February of 1993, initially with Short Brothers USA, joining ATK in 1994 as part of the corporation's government relations team. There he became a trusted lobbyist and advocate on a wide range of defense and aerospace policies and programs. He quickly earned a reputation as a reliable and effective spokesman in Washington, D.C., helping to establish ATK on Capitol Hill. His fact-based approach to issues and commitment to integrity made him indispensable to ATK and the people in Washington with whom he worked.

In addition to his role as head of Congressional Relations at ATK, Don served as the head of the Ethics Panel at the Association of Government Relations Professionals, President of the Washington, D.C. Chapter of the National Defense Industrial Association, and in other association positions. He also was a guest speaker at numerous seminars and panels, including NDIA and Georgetown Law School.

When ATK acquired Orbital Sciences in 2015, he played a key role in the transition of both the Orbital ATK and the newly formed Vista Outdoor Government Relations teams, becoming Vista's Vice President for Government and Industry Relations. As head of Vista's federal affairs, Don has proven to be an effective advocate on conservation, sportsmen's issues and 2nd Amendment rights. He is well respected for both his knowledge and his consummate professionalism, with a warm sense of humor and strong work ethic.

As Don and his wife Karen head off to future endeavors and more time with their sons Don and Brian and five grandchildren, I congratulate him on his retirement and thank him for his diligent service to the country and to the defense and outdoor industries.

RECOGNIZING THE STATE CHAMPION BOWLER ZACH BOBBETT

### HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 6, 2017*

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishment of Zach Bobbett of the Union Springs/Port Byron Bowling Team, who was part of the Section IV team in the New York State Public High School Association on March 5, 2017. The Section IV team defeated the Section III team by 228 pins to secure the title.

Zach Bobbett scored the second highest score of the tournament with 1,341 pins over six games.

I am honored to recognize the hard work displayed by Zach Bobbett and the rest of the Section IV team, their families, the coaching staff, and teachers. This is a historic win for Central New York and I am confident that the positive experiences from the 2017 season will yield continued success in both athletics and academics.

### TRINITY AVERITT

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 6, 2017*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Trinity Averitt for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Trinity Averitt is a student at Moore Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Trinity Averitt is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Trinity Averitt for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

### HONORING FRED DOUGLAS MASON, JR.

### HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 6, 2017*

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I wish to commend a great American who has devoted more than five decades of his life to the continuing struggle of our nation's working families for greater opportunity, empowerment, and social justice.

On June 16, Fred Douglas Mason, Jr., who retired in April as President of the Maryland-District of Columbia AFL-CIO and its 384,000 members, will be honored at a dinner in his honor.

We would be remiss if we did not recognize the contributions and struggles of Fred Mason and all the other hard-working Americans who forge our steel, build our automobiles, care for our families in times of illness or injury, teach our children, and contribute their sweat and toil to enriching our lives in so many other ways.

Fred Mason's career, both on the assembly lines of Baltimore and as a union organizer and leader, exemplified the strong and resilient character of the Americans he served during the last 52 years.

Fred personally experienced the heartbreak that wreaked havoc on the economic and social order of our Greater Baltimore community—as Bethlehem Steel, General Motors, General Electric, Proctor and Gamble and other manufacturing corporations abandoned their Baltimore operations, leaving nearly 100,000 working families to reach deeply into their hearts, pull themselves together, and chart new courses for their lives.

Fred Mason also knew the empowering strength of education that provides needed skills and justifies a living wage, a health care plan and a secure retirement.

Throughout his career, he worked tirelessly to expand the job training and tuition assistance that has allowed so many of his brothers and sisters to build better lives.

From his earliest days as a student at Morgan State College (now University), Fred Mason also understood that an integrated America, both racially and socio-economically, is a stronger and more prosperous nation.

And although he will be laying down the gavel as President of the Maryland-DC AFL-CIO, I am confident that Fred Mason will carry on in the cause of universal civil and human rights.

I hold this conviction because, like Fred Mason, I, too, am a son of labor and a civil rights worker.

And like Fred Mason, we all must understand that the civil rights movement of our own time is not limited to issues of race or gender or freedom of conscience—as critically important as those struggles remain.

The civil rights movement of our time, Mr. Speaker, is also about whether parents can afford to feed and house their children—and provide those children with the education and health care that they need and deserve.

The choice is ours.

Will America once again become a nation of opportunity for everyone willing to work hard?

Or will hard-working Americans continue to be squeezed past the breaking point by policies, enacted from afar, that devalue our people, our economy and the nation that we love?

Mr. Speaker, this is the message that Fred Mason has lived and taught to others for more than five decades—and the same message that has become central to the national debates of our own time.

It was at Morgan State College that Fred first came to understand that organization matters and is critical to progress in our country in the area of Civil Rights.

At Bethlehem Steel and on the assembly lines of General Motors, Fred Mason came to realize that working people can become empowered if they organize.

Now, in retirement, Fred also knows that the struggle to organize America must continue.

He knows that political democracy in America is irrevocably linked to the expanded economic and social democracy that has carried so many closer to the American Dream.

And above all, Fred Mason has taught us that our struggle for the American Dream continues despite the attacks of recent years.

I have faith that dedicated, strong Americans like Fred Mason will always be there on the front lines.

And for all of these contributions, we should thank Fred Mason and his wonderful wife, Jennifer, and wish them well.

#### HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ORTHODOX CHURCH

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 6, 2017*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I congratulate Descent of the Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, located in Schererville, Indiana, as its congregation and church leaders join together to celebrate the church's 100th Anniversary. Reverend Father Holowaty and Subdeacon Daniel Coffman will be commemorating this momentous occasion with a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy and celebration on June 25, 2017, as well as additional memorial events throughout the church's anniversary year.

Descent of the Holy Spirit was founded 100 years ago when a small group of families were looking for a place to practice the Orthodox faith. In 1917, the original church was built in East Chicago, Indiana, and it was in this location that parishioners worshipped as a community for the next eighty years. In 1997, the current church, located in Schererville, was constructed. It is here that the congregation continues to gather together in celebration, praise, and faith. Descent of the Holy Spirit is part of the American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese of the United States of America, led by His Grace, Right Reverend Bishop Gregory Tatsis, under the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople, Patriarch Bartholomew.

Descent of the Holy Spirit Orthodox Church continues to touch the lives of its parishioners and countless individuals through its compassionate service. The congregation is a close-knit, family-centered community where all people are welcome.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my distinguished colleagues to join me in honoring and congratulating Descent of the Holy Spirit Orthodox Church in Schererville, Indiana, on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary. For their commitment to service and to their faith, the church leaders and parishioners are worthy of the highest praise.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO 3M IN SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

**HON. BILLY LONG**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 6, 2017*

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate 3M on 50 years of innovation in Springfield, Missouri.

3M is a company filled with employees that have spent over 100 years in the United

States inventing and working each day to make the lives of others easier. Southwest Missouri is fortunate enough to have a 3M plant in Springfield, Missouri.

The 3M plant in Springfield is a vital part of the community. This plant employs many people that go to work each day and impact the lives of those not just in the local community, but all around the world.

I am honored to recognize 3M in Springfield and its dedication to not only southwest Missouri, but the many communities throughout the world. On behalf of Missouri's 7th Congressional District, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in wishing 3M in Springfield and all of its employees the best.

#### HONORING BILLIE PAUL BAILEY

**HON. ANDY BARR**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 6, 2017*

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a very special man, Mr. Billie Paul Bailey, of Bath County, Kentucky.

Mr. Bailey has always loved his country. He was honored to serve when drafted into the United States Army in 1952, during the Korean War. Following training at Camp Breckenridge, Mr. Bailey was deployed to Stuttgart, Germany where he served in the 29th Transportation Company. He was honorably discharged in 1954 and remained in the Reserves until 1960.

Mr. Bailey returned to Bath County following his service. He and his wife Emma Lea married in 1954. They have three children. Mr. Bailey operated a dairy and crop farm for 52 years. He has been described as a dedicated follower of Christ and a pillar in the community.

Mr. Bailey and his fellow men and women of the United States military answered the call to serve our great nation. America is forever grateful and appreciative of the service of Mr. Bailey and all our patriots. I am honored to recognize Mr. Billie Paul Bailey before the United States House of Representatives.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF JULIA WHITLA CLINGER

**HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 6, 2017*

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Julia Whitla Clinger, who passed away on November 22, 2016, at the age of 85. Judy, as she was known to her friends, was the wife of William F. Clinger, a distinguished former member of this body whom I was privileged to work for during his tenure as the Chairman of the Government Reform and Oversight Committee in the mid-1990s.

Judy was born on February 3, 1931, in Sharon, Pennsylvania. Her early life was marked by tragedy—her father, a prominent lawyer in Sharon, died of pneumonia when she was just two years old. Judy graduated from Connecticut College with highest honors, Phi Beta Kappa, with a degree in English. In

1951, she married Bill, and spent the better part of the next 25 years in Warren, Pennsylvania, where they raised their four children and were active members of the community.

After Bill's election to Congress in 1978, Judy moved with him to Washington. Here, she was involved in a number of charitable and civic organizations, including the International Club of Washington and the Congressional Wives Task Force, where she served as Treasurer. Bill would be the first to tell you that Judy was his greatest political asset, actively participating in his nine successful congressional campaigns and playing an important behind-the-scenes role as he rose through the ranks on Capitol Hill to become a committee chairman.

Judy will be remembered by those who knew her for what one described as her "feisty elegance"—a combination of social grace and high-spiritedness that made it a pleasure to spend time with her. Judy's life will be celebrated over the upcoming Fourth of July holiday at a memorial service in the lakeside community of Chautauqua in upstate New York, where she and Bill first met and where they returned every summer.

Judy is survived by Bill, whom I had an opportunity to visit with recently, her children (Eleanor, Will, Jim, and Julia), and by seven grandchildren, to whom she was devoted.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating the life of Judy Clinger, and extending our sincerest condolences to our former colleague, Bill Clinger, on the loss of his wife of 65 years.

#### YANIRA ALVARADO

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 6, 2017*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Yanira Alvarado for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Yanira Alvarado is a student at Arvada High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Yanira Alvarado is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Yanira Alvarado for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

#### COMMEMORATING THE 28TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MASSACRE ON TIANANMEN SQUARE

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 6, 2017*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 28th anniversary of the massacre at Tiananmen Square.

This historic stand against oppression saw several hundred civilians shot dead by the Chinese army during a bloody operation to crush a democratic protest in Beijing's Tiananmen Square.

The Chinese army took the Square with violence against its own people; most of whom were students refusing to move until their demands for democratic reform were met.

Tanks rolled through the capital's streets randomly firing on unarmed civilians.

Millions of people had joined this protest—people from all walks of life who were angered by widespread corruption and calling for democracy.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize former President George H.W. Bush and former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher who both publicly condemned this atrocious act of violence and stood in solidarity with the men and women who peacefully assembled to demand democracy.

The courage and commitment to democratic governance displayed by the demonstrators in Tiananmen Square 28 years ago will never be forgotten by Americans and freedom loving people everywhere.

HONORING LISA M. MAATZ FOR  
HER OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS  
WITH THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION  
OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 6, 2017*

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join colleagues, family, and friends in paying tribute to Lisa M. Maatz for her outstanding leadership and invaluable contributions as Vice President of Government Relations and Advocacy at the American Association of University Women (AAUW). Though she has decided to move forward to other opportunities, she has left an indelible mark on this organization and all of those who have been fortunate enough to have worked with her.

For fifteen years, Lisa has served in multiple leadership capacities at AAUW and remained a tireless advocate for women and girls. As the organization's top policy adviser she has faithfully worked to advance and protect the interests of women and families across the nation. During her tenure she dedicated much of her work to advocating for the economic and retirement security of women and families. Among her many accomplishments, she is most notably remembered for her instrumental role in the successful passage of the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009.

Lisa's strengths for developing and directing public policy and grassroots advocacy have resulted in her the successful leadership of several coalitions working to advance opportunities for women and girls, including the National Coalition for Women and Girls in Education (NCWGE) and the Equal Pay Coalition. In addition to leading the Public Policy and Government Relations department, Lisa spent eighteen months serving concurrently as the interim director of the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund. A highly sought-after speaker, having made numerous presentations on the national stage, and a principal spokesperson for wom-

en's issues in Washington and across the nation, Lisa is a trailblazer by any definition. Her creative and strategic approaches to legislation and advocacy at all levels coupled with her equally talented ability to implement and mobilize grassroots strategies have earned her the respect and admiration of co-workers, peers, and legislators alike.

Lisa's reputation in public service precedes her. Her grassroots advocacy career began when she was Executive Director of Turning Point, a battered women's program recognized for excellence by the Ohio Supreme Court. Since then, she has worked on behalf of such organizations as the NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund and the Older Women's League, and served as a legislative aide to U.S. Congresswoman CAROLYN MALONEY. She was recently featured in the book "Secrets of Powerful Women", is a contributor to "Love Her, Love her Not: The Hillary Paradox" and recently served on the boards for the Women's Information Network (Win) as well as on the Public Leadership Education Network (PLEN) where she mentored the next generation of young women activists.

Lisa's work has been recognized by countless distinctions including the 2013 National Committee on Pay Equity's Winn Newman Advocacy Award, the 2012 National Association of Partnerships in Equity's first-ever Public Policy Advocate for Equity Award, and the U.S. Women's Chamber of Commerce's 10th anniversary Trailblazer Award. Her achievements reflect her extraordinary career in advancing gender equity and her unwavering commitment to social justice.

I would be remiss if I did not take a moment to extend a personal note of thanks to Lisa for the work that she has done with me and my staff. Lisa has been a sister-in-arms on my work with the Paycheck Fairness Act, not only making "Equal Pay for Equal Work" a priority for the AAUW, but also bringing it to the forefront of state and national public policy debates. She has been an extraordinary resource and I cannot thank her enough for the vision and counsel she has provided over the years.

Lisa M. Maatz has dedicated her life to supporting women and girls through advocacy, education, and philanthropy. Her service and leadership in this capacity is nothing less than exceptional. As she continues her legacy, I am honored to stand today and thank her for the incredible work she has done in the service of all women and girls and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

**DR. GEORGE WINDSOR**

**HON. VICKY HARTZLER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 6, 2017*

Mrs. HARTZLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. George E. Windsor, a family physician in Windsor, Missouri. George has been a physician for 47 years and has decided to retire from his practice at the age of 74. I hope all of you can join me in congratulating him on his retirement and wishing him continued health and happiness in this new phase of life.

I am honored to share my gratitude and respect for Dr. George E. Windsor. His dedica-

tion and care for the people of his community are an inspiration to us all.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DR. JAMES  
JACOBS

**HON. SANDER M. LEVIN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 6, 2017*

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. James Jacobs, who is retiring at the end of June from a 50-year career at Macomb Community College (MCC). Since 2008, Dr. Jacobs has served as President of MCC.

On its face, the pairing of Dr. Jacobs and Macomb Community College was improbable. A native of Brooklyn, New York with a Ph.D. in Politics from Princeton University, the notion that Dr. Jacobs would accept a faculty position at a Midwestern community college seemed, to his university peers at least, to be highly unlikely. As Dr. Jacobs told the Detroit Free Press in January of 2016, "They said, 'Do you need help finding a job? We can help you find something.'"

What those colleagues did not understand was that Jim Jacobs' passion for activism and his belief that, as a profile written about him for Advancing Macomb put it, "... as a college professor he could be a positive change agent for the country," was deeply held. At the request of a friend, Dr. Jacobs accepted an invitation to speak to students at MCC. As he explained in the same profile, "Two things immediately impressed me. First, the students were real people and included Vietnam veterans, auto workers and homemakers, who were in college asking good questions based on their life experiences. They brought a refreshing perspective that was dramatically different to my experience at Princeton." So, when he was offered a part-time position at MCC as a professor of economics, Dr. Jacobs brought his commitment to helping working class people build their futures to Macomb County.

Dr. Jacobs has been an enthusiastic advocate for the importance of helping people to deal with the challenges of a changing economy through new skills training. During his tenure as President, MCC has enhanced its reputation as a pre-eminent institution for workers displaced by economic change to gain the skills needed to achieve career success. As a testament to the high regard in which MCC is held, former President Barack Obama visited the college three times to highlight the importance of workforce development and worker retraining.

Dr. Jacobs is also widely known for his annual "Macomb County Economic Forecast," which he delivers to a coalition of the county's local chambers of commerce. In his report, Dr. Jacobs delves deeply into the state of the county's economy—including employment, wages, home values, demographic changes, and more—which he places in context with state and national economic trends, and projects future economic change based on his analysis of the data. This report is highly valued not only by chamber of commerce members, but by county, state and federal policy makers.

My office and I have turned to Dr. Jacobs on innumerable occasions to better understand an education or economic issue, to fully

immerse ourselves in local demographic developments, and to collaborate on local economic development issues. He was instrumental as chair of the local committee that oversaw the return of federal property to the City of Warren for economic development during a Base Closure and Realignment Commission (BRAC) process. He was proactive in talking about the economic opportunities that exist in the defense sector for Macomb County and Southeast Michigan, and in ensuring a vital role for MCC in training and re-training efforts in this sector. In recent years, he has spoken out eloquently about the role of new immigrants in the County and at the College. Each of these examples highlights how Dr. Jacobs combines a unique ability to look to the future, with an appreciation of the past and always a grounding in the realities of working families. We have benefitted tremendously from his expertise, but more importantly from his passion and commitment for all of these issues.

While he is retiring from Macomb Community College, he will continue the important work to which he has been committed for five decades. He will join the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation, which focuses its philanthropic efforts in Southeast Michigan and in Western New York, advising it on how it can best support programs which will help working class families receive skills training and education to better secure their futures.

The President of the Center for Automotive Research, Jay Baron, told the Detroit Free Press, "Jim can talk to presidents and he can talk to the guy in the tool and die shop." Jim Jacobs has always known that presidents are important, but his life's work has been to help that person in the tool and die shop achieve economic security for his or her family in an ever-changing economy. Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to join me in thanking Dr. James Jacobs for his immeasurable contributions to Macomb Community College and to the people of Macomb County, and in wishing him the very best as he retires from the important institution which he served for 50 years.

#### HONORING CLAUDE CARTER

#### HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 6, 2017*

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a very special person, Mr. Claude Carter, of Bath County, Kentucky. Mr. Carter, a veteran of World War II, is a member of the Greatest Generation.

Mr. Carter enlisted in the United States Navy at the age of 18. After completing basic training at the Great Lakes Naval Base in Illinois, he was then placed on a troop transport train to San Francisco. There, he received hatchman and winchman training. The sailors were trained to load and unload tons of supplies from the merchant ships as quickly as possible. Mr. Carter and 3,000 others then boarded the U.S.S. *Pondera* for Honolulu. There they were transferred to a naval supply depot where they were in charge of transporting supplies to ships outside the harbor. Mr. Carter and others were struck by the destruction left following the attack on Pearl Har-

bor, and were always mindful of the sacrifices made there on December 7th, 1941. During his time in Hawaii, the names of all those in his company were listed on the wall, and every other man was chosen to transfer to Iwo Jima or Okinawa. Mr. Carter was not chosen and stayed on the island to finish his service. He reached the rank of 3rd Class Boatswain's Mate Coxswain and was discharged in June of 1946.

Mr. Carter returned home where he attended Tennessee Tech, worked at the family hardware store, and built electricity and telephone line systems. He and his wife Lena have lived in Owingsville for 22 years where they enjoy retirement.

Mr. Carter and so many other men and women accepted the call of their country and volunteered to serve. Their sacrifice protected freedom and preserved it for future generations. Mr. Carter is truly an American patriot. I am honored to recognize Mr. Claude Carter before the United States House of Representatives.

#### TAYLOR BELLMER

#### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 6, 2017*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Taylor Bellmer for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Taylor Bellmer is a student at Standley Lake High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Taylor Bellmer is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Taylor Bellmer for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO MELVIN R. BROWN III FOR EARNING EAGLE SCOUT ACHIEVEMENT

#### HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 6, 2017*

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Melvin R. Brown, of Joplin, Missouri, on his recent achievement of the Boy Scouts of America's top rank of Eagle Scout.

The rank of Eagle Scout is the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouts of America. It is the culmination of many years of hard work and dedication, requiring countless hours of service, training and learning.

Becoming an Eagle Scout requires a significant amount of determination and self-discipline, traits which will no doubt serve to

make Mr. Brown a better employee, family member and American throughout his life. To achieve this rank, he demonstrated active teamwork in his troop, underwent numerous wilderness training tests, dedicated time to his community and has adhered to the Boy Scouts of America oath's reverence for character, citizenship and personal wellness.

Mr. Speaker, by attaining the rank of Eagle Scout, Mr. Brown has set himself on the path to achieve future success, and I'm proud to count him among my constituents. His dedication in completing the required benchmarks and community service requirements to reach the Eagle Scout rank is indicative of his ability to accomplish whatever goals he sets his mind to. I wish Mr. Brown luck with all his future endeavors, and urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating him on this momentous achievement.

#### COMMEMORATING THE FRIENDSHIP CENTERS OF EMMET COUNTY'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 6, 2017*

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it's my honor to recognize the Friendship Centers of Emmet County as they celebrate 50 years of meaningful work in Michigan's First Congressional District. Families throughout Michigan understand how important it is to have quality and compassionate care for seniors, and we are grateful for the Friendship Centers of Emmet County's half-century of community service.

The Friendship Centers of Emmet County date back to 1960 when a small group of friends in the basement of a Petoskey church decided to gather for social activities on a regular basis. Eight years later, the group of friends, which had grown significantly and formed a "Steering Committee for a Drop-in Center," successfully petitioned the city for the use of space in the old Petoskey City Hall building. In 1988, the Friendship Center of Petoskey was officially reincorporated as the Friendship Centers of Emmet County (FCEC) with three satellite locations in Alanson, Harbor Springs and Pellston, aimed at serving the educational, social, and physical needs of senior citizens. The Friendship Center of Petoskey remained at the old city hall for the next thirty years until it moved to its current location on Anderson Road in December of 1999.

In addition to offering a fun and social space for senior citizens to gather, the Friendship Centers of Emmet County have consistently proven to be leaders in the community through targeted initiatives that enhance the wellbeing of elderly citizens. Programs like "Sit and Be Fit" and Tai Chi classes help members stay healthy, engage seniors in activities that enhance their standard of living, and prepare them for an active lifestyle in their later years. The FCEC also hosts several special guest speakers who provide lectures to seniors on topics ranging from health and volunteerism to the arts and environmental issues. This program is one of several that exemplify the FCEC's tremendous efforts to foster continued academic growth within the community, and promote lifelong scholarship in a robust social setting.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate the Friendship Centers of Emmet County for 50 years of service in the Emmet County communities. Northern Michigan residents can take great pride in knowing that Emmet County is a better place thanks to the work and dedication of the Friendship Centers. On behalf of my constituents across Michigan's First District, I thank the Friendship Centers of Emmet County for their work and look forward to their continued success.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. RANDY REID

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 6, 2017*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Randy Reid, Superintendent of Schools at Keller Independent School District (ISD). Dr. Reid is retiring after thirty-four years of public service in Texas.

Dr. Reid received a bachelor's degree from Baylor University and a master's degree and Doctorate in Education Administration from Texas A&M University at Commerce. After completing his own education, Dr. Reid began his career in public service as a teacher in Richardson ISD. Over the next 24 years, he advanced from teacher to coach to Assistant Superintendent of Richardson ISD. Before assuming the helm of Keller ISD in 2012, Dr. Reid served as the Superintendent of Celina ISD and Tyler ISD.

While serving as superintendent, Dr. Reid oversaw the passage of a \$169.5 million bond package which funded four new campuses in the District. This expansion included Keller's first campus solely devoted to Career and Technological Education coursework, the cutting-edge Keller Center for Advanced Learning.

While serving as a catalyst for academic success in his own district, Dr. Reid has also advocated for the advancement of quality education throughout the state of Texas. Dr. Reid currently serves as President of the Texas Fast Growth School Coalition, a group of more than fifty of the fastest-growing Texas school districts. In addition, he is active member of the University Interscholastic League (UIL) Waiver Review Board, the Texas Association of School Administrators, and the Future Ready Superintendents Leadership Institute.

For the past five years, Dr. Reid has been a dedicated community leader in the greater Keller area. I salute Dr. Reid for his exemplary career and extend my best wishes upon his retirement. It is an honor to represent the students, families, teachers and staff of Keller ISD in the U.S. House of Representatives.

CONGRATULATING THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF CAMARILLO ON THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. JULIA BROWNLEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 6, 2017*

Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate the Boys and Girls

Club of Camarillo on the occasion of their 50th anniversary as a remarkable afterschool institution servicing the youth and families of the City of Camarillo.

Since 1967, the Boys and Girls Club of Camarillo has had a profound impact on the community with an exemplary goal of educating our youth to become socially responsible citizens. The Boys and Girls Club of Camarillo has become an extraordinary asset to our community as a whole.

Holding true to its mission, the Boys and Girls Club of Camarillo cares for each and every student that comes through their doors regardless of race, gender, ethnicity, or socioeconomic status. They develop each student's full potential to become productive, responsible, and caring individuals. For over five decades, the Boys and Girls Club of Camarillo has accomplished this goal through dedicated staff and volunteers to whom we owe an insurmountable debt of gratitude.

Since its founding, the Boys and Girls Club of Camarillo has aimed to keep our young kids off the streets through supervised, quality afterschool programs and services. Today, the Boys and Girls Club of Camarillo serves approximately 400 kids every day and over 4,000 kids each year. These kids have the opportunity to participate in sports programs in its gymnasium, arts programs in its performance theatre, and academic programs in and outside its technology lab, giving kids a truly holistic development experience that will empower them and instill confidence.

Furthermore, the Boys and Girls Club of Camarillo has a youth employment program that connects its teens with job opportunities in the community. In doing so, they act as a collaborative relationship builder, mentoring teens and facilitating a connection with potential employers where they can utilize the skills and knowledge they have obtained through the organization.

Every child deserves a great future, and the Boys and Girls Club of Camarillo has succeeded in creating a positive, fun, and safe environment for our community's youth to reach their fullest potential. For these reasons, it is my sincere pleasure to honor the Boys and Girls Club for its exceptional 50 years of service to our community's youth and developing our future leaders.

HONORING THE CAREER OF MATTHEW A. ROZELL

**HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 6, 2017*

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable man who has shown a strong dedication to educating the students of New York's 21st District.

Growing up in the historic foothills of the Adirondack Mountains, Matthew Rozell's surroundings inspired in him a deep interest in the past. This fascination led him to SUNY Geneseo, where he received a Bachelor of Arts in History, and a Master's in Education. After graduating, Mr. Rozell returned to his high school alma mater in Hudson Falls, NY, where he has spent the entirety of his career going above and beyond as an educator.

As the founder of the World War II Living History Project, Mr. Rozell has established an

excellent tool for educating students. He has helped to connect WWII veterans and survivors throughout the country and worked to make their stories known. Specifically, the work that the project has done on uncovering personal accounts and photographs from the Holocaust has drawn attention and recognition from organizations around the country.

In addition to being featured as an ABC World News "Person of the Week," Mr. Rozell has received multiple awards, including the History Teacher of the Year Award from the Organization of American Historians, and the Founders' Medal for History Education from the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Rozell also received the New York State Education Department's Louis E. Yavner Teaching Award for Distinguished Contributions to Teaching the Holocaust.

I would like to thank Mr. Rozell for his enduring commitment to academia and research. Through his work, he has served as an exemplary educator and as a role model for his students and his peers.

IN RECOGNITION OF STUART VOGT

**HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 6, 2017*

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and congratulate Mr. Stuart Vogt of Vienna, Virginia. Born in 1920, Mr. Vogt lived through some of the most uncertain times in American history during which he not only endured, but flourished. And throughout his illustrious career he has always put his country and community first.

Mr. Vogt graduated from Lehigh University in 1942 with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering. With the war effort furiously ramping up, there was a demand for young, aspiring engineers. He was recruited by Westinghouse in Lima, Ohio, near Army Air Force headquarters at Wright-Patterson AFB, to join Westinghouse's brand new Aviation Engineering Department. While there he designed dynamos and generators for World War II P40 fighters and B17 & B24 bombers. After the war, Mr. Vogt moved to Virginia to work with Naval Air Systems Command on aircraft electric motors. However, after only a few years there he was given a unique opportunity to work on NASA's Launch Operations' Saturn rockets. During his time at NASA, he worked in conjunction with Werner Von Braun and other scientists in Huntsville and Cape Canaveral. Before retiring thirty years ago, Mr. Vogt returned to Naval Air Systems Command where he installed aircraft carrier computer upgrades to accommodate new carrier-based F14 Tomcat fighters, S-3 Viking submarine trackers and E-2C Hawkeye early warning radar aircraft.

In retirement Mr. Vogt shifted from serving his country to serving his community. He was the Chairman of his local chapter of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees, and today he remains a very active member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Vienna. Mr. Vogt has a selfless desire to serve and to give back to his community, and this attitude inspires the same in all who meet him. He is a leader and I know he passes on the same selfless qualities to all he meets.

Beyond his duties within his community and long career in the defense and aerospace industries, Mr. Vogt was a loving husband to his

wife Marie who passed away 14 years ago and is a loving father to son Stuart Vogt and grandfather to Lynne and Andy. At this moment, Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in extending our sincerest thanks to Mr. Vogt for all the work he has done in his community and for our country.

TEA BENZENBERG

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 6, 2017*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Tea Benzenberg for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Tea Benzenberg is a student at Drake Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Tea Benzenberg is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Tea Benzenberg for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

PROTECTING AGAINST CHILD  
EXPLOITATION ACT OF 2017

SPEECH OF

**HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 25, 2017*

Ms. BONAMICI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in opposition to H.R. 1761, the Protecting Against Child Exploitation Act. Although I support the goal of the bill, which aims to strengthen existing laws that criminalize engaging in sexual acts with a child that result in the production of an image or video, I am concerned that its overly broad language could cause unintended consequences that go beyond the sponsors' intentions. Make no mistake, our children deserve the strongest possible protection against such heinous acts and abuse. I am deeply concerned; however, that the bill does not take into consideration situations between consenting teenagers. Teenagers today have access to more technology than ever before, and far too many of them do not comprehend the seriousness of exchanging sexually explicit images of themselves with one another. Although I do not condone such behavior, I cannot support a bill that does not distinguish between those situations and the morally reprehensible crimes against children. I commend my colleague, Congresswoman SHEILA JACKSON LEE, for offering an amendment that would make consensual activity between a minor who is fifteen years old or older and an adult who is nineteen years old or younger punishable as a misdemeanor, rather than a

felony. The amendment was narrowly tailored to make sure that the punishment for such consensual situations is proportionate to the severity of the crime. I was disappointed that the House did not adopt the Jackson-Lee amendment, and I cannot support the underlying bill without the inclusion of this important policy provision.

HONORING PROFESSOR ROLAND  
ALUM, JR.

**HON. THOMAS MacARTHUR**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 6, 2017*

Mr. MACARTHUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the academic scholarship and contributions of Professor Roland Alum, Jr., of New Jersey, specifically his recent article, regarding the 115th anniversary of the inauguration of the Cuban Republic in 1902. Include in the RECORD this article which was published on Saturday, May 20, 2017 in the Jersey Journal. Professor Roland Alum, Jr., has managed a successful career of university teaching, administration, and scholarship, while still remaining committed to civic engagement.

In his article, Professor Alum reviews a book by another New Jerseyan, Professor Margarita Garcia, which honors the legacy of Tomás Estrada, who served as the first elected president of the Cuban Republic. Prior to his installation as president, Estrada spent 25 years in exile, mostly in the United States, where he grew to admire our democracy and civilian-dominated system of government. Professor Alum explains his view that these facts contribute to the reasons why the Castro brothers' dictatorship in Cuba demonizes Estrada's memory and further ignores the historical significance of May 20th. Professor Alum contrasts Estrada's good will and actual governmental history with the Castros' mega militaristic, oppressive totalitarianism, since 1959. He concludes his article with an emphasis on the significance of the date of May 20th, particularly to the pro-democracy Cuban-Americans, who constitute a valuable community in New Jersey.

Mr. Speaker, the people of New Jersey are tremendously honored to have Professor Roland Alum, Jr., as a dedicated member of their community. It is because of his recent academic contribution, that I rise to recognize his scholarship and request that this article, as prepared by Professor Alum, be printed into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD before the United States House of Representatives.

WHY MAY 20 IS SO IMPORTANT TO CUBAN  
AMERICANS

(By Roland Alum, Jr.)

On May 20, 1902, the independent Republic of Cuba was inaugurated with the swearing in of its first elected president, Tomás Estrada (aka Estrada Palma—with his maternal patronymic added as per Hispanic cultural tradition). Cuban patriots had been waging the War of Independence vs. colonial Spain since 1895, a conflict that blended into the brief Spanish-Cuban-American War in 1898, in turn giving way to the first U.S. Intervention (1898–1902), which called for elections in 1901. Estrada won the presidency after 25 years in exile, mostly in the U.S.

After rising in arms against the Spanish Empire in 1868, Estrada (1835–1908) was taken

prisoner; upon his release, he moved to Honduras, where he was hired to reorganize the postal, educational and health-care services. When the Honduran military ousted the democratic government for which he worked, Estrada settled with his family in Central Valley, New York, 50 miles north of Manhattan (an hour's drive from Hudson County), directing a pioneering private school there.

In 1895, Estrada became the head of the Cuban Revolutionary Party that had been founded in New York for the independence of Cuba and Puerto Rico. Leading an extraordinary lobby pro Cuba's independence, he often passed through today's Jersey City's Liberty State Park on his train trips to/from Washington. Hudson County is nowadays home to the second most important Cuban-American community, and May 20 is routinely remembered with celebrations, including a Bergenline Avenue parade and "pilgrimages" to Central Valley. The Castro family's Communist-styled tyranny and its pro-democratic exiled opponents share in the commemoration of most Cuban patriotic holidays, except for this one, given that the "socialist" dictatorship demonizes Estrada as "a U.S. puppet."

Professor Margarita Garcia, a Hudson County ex-resident, straightens the record of Estrada's legacy in her recent "Before 'Cuba Libre': The Making of Cuba's First President, Tomás Estrada Palma" (Outskirts Press, 2016). One gathers from her book that among Estrada's presidential accomplishments (1902–1906) was the limiting the number of U.S. naval bases from the seven requested of the nascent republic, to one: Guantanamo. Above all, Estrada sought to establish a civilian-dominated, honest governmental system, drastically distinct to what had already become by then a nefarious Latin-American militaristic model, of which he had been a victim in Honduras.

Unfortunately, throughout Cuba's republican trajectory, the military often interfered in politics, culminating in the Castros' six-decade reign, as the island-country is tormented by an egotistic elite of "revolutionary generals" parroting passé, hate-mongering Marxist-Leninist slogans while the average Cuban suffers boundless deprivations.

Since 1959, the Castro family—an un-elected, de facto Caribbean nepotistic dynasty—has persistently accused Estrada of turning Cuba into a "Yankee vassal state." Paradoxically, it was the Castro brothers who made Cuba subservient to the far-away, failed Soviet Bloc, thus transfiguring a progressive trending nation into a backwards one from which its people desperately aspire to flee. Ironically, that ruling entrenched gerontocratic oligarchy now seeks the "stinking Yankee dollars" to subsidize the government's business monopolies managed by a vast network of corrupt Castro kinspeople and accomplices.

What Cuba needs above all is a regime change that would bestow power to the people and establish a democratically elected, civilian dominated open society that will respect individual freedoms and human/civil rights, as was envisioned by the republic's founding fathers, such as Presidente Tomás Estrada.

HONORING WALTER MCGLOTHIN

**HON. ANDY BARR**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 6, 2017*

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a very special man, Mr. Walter McGlothlin, of Bath County, Kentucky.



Mr. McGlothlin was born on the 4th of July. He was drafted into the United States Army on November 15, 1951. He received training on anti-aircraft artillery and was sent to Japan, where he spent 16 months on a 120mm artillery gun. He returned home on October 29, 1953. Mr. McGlothlin was in active reserve for 6 years and was honorably discharged on November 15th, 1959.

Mr. McGlothlin and his wife Joyce have been married for 53 years. They have four children, eight grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Mr. McGlothlin and his fellow men and women of the United States military answered the call to serve our great nation. America is forever grateful and appreciative of the service of Mr. McGlothlin and all our patriots. I am honored to recognize Mr. Walter McGlothlin before the United States House of Representatives.

TREVIN MONTANO

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 6, 2017*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Trevin Montano for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Trevin Montano is a student at Standley Lake High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Trevin Montano is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Trevin Montano for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

CONGRATULATIONS TO HALEY  
FARRIS

**HON. BILLY LONG**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 6, 2017*

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and honor a young student from my district who has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service in her community. Haley Farris of Oldfield has just been named one of the distinguished finalists in Missouri by The 2017 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program, an annual honor conferred on the most impressive student volunteers in each state and the District of Columbia.

Ms. Farris is being recognized for creating "4Confidence," a program designed to help middle school students learn to love themselves through biweekly meetings covering topics from bullying to eating disorders. Ms. Farris started the group after realizing she

wasn't the only one struggling with low self-esteem, organized pageants to raise money for group activities and increase the confidence of the young contestants she recruited from the community.

It's vital that we encourage and support the kind of selfless contribution this young citizen has made. Young volunteers like Ms. Farris are inspiring examples to all of us, and are among our brightest hopes for a better tomorrow.

The program that brought this young role model to our attention—The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards—was created by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals in 1995 to impress upon all youth volunteers that their contributions are critically important and highly valued, and to inspire other young people to follow their example. Over the past 22 years, the program has become the nation's largest youth recognition effort based solely on community service, and has honored more than 115,000 young volunteers at the local, state and national level.

Ms. Farris should be extremely proud to have been singled out from the thousands of dedicated volunteers who participated in this year's program. I wish Ms. Farris luck with all her future endeavors, and urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating her on this momentous achievement.

IN RECOGNITION OF CLARENCE E.  
GOODLEIN'S SERVICE TO THE  
CITY OF WIXOM

**HON. DAVID A. TROTT**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 6, 2017*

Mr. TROTT. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise in recognition of the lifetime of dedication and service of Clarence E. Goodlein of Wixom, Michigan.

Serving his community well for 37 years, as Police Chief for five years and Police Chief and Director of Public Safety for ten, Mr. Goodlein dedicated his life to ensuring the City of Wixom continued to be a safe and desirable neighborhood for those of all ages.

Mr. Goodlein built his career on a foundation of protecting others and his unwavering dedication to this principle and his community earned him the appointment of Wixom City Manager in 2015. Here he brought a unique combination of vibrant leadership and years of proven experience to inspire new direction to the city's government.

As a proud graduate of Madonna University, the University of Detroit–Mercy, Oakland University, and the FBI National Academy and Executive Leadership Programs, his wealth of knowledge built a sound future of success for our entire community.

His outstanding leadership has not gone unnoticed. It helped model the Lower Peninsula Law Enforcement Risk Control Advisory Committee, which aids local law enforcement agencies throughout the State of Michigan.

While his retirement from City Manager will leave a great void in City Hall, I have no doubt that Mr. Goodlein will continue to be a vibrant part of our community, continuing to serve each and every one of his neighbors for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my most sincere gratitude to Mr. Goodlein for his decades of service to our community, the City of Wixom, and the great State of Michigan, and wish him well in his retirement.

HONORING MR. CLIFTON HARTMAN

**HON. ELIZABETH H. ESTY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 6, 2017*

Ms. ESTY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor the life of Mr. Clifton "Clif" R. Hartman and his long dedication to our Cheshire community. Clif passed away on May 27, 2017 at the age of 97, but his memory and contributions will live on in Cheshire for years to come.

Clif was born in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania on May 21, 1920. He graduated from high school in Dunellen, New Jersey, and then studied organic chemistry and chemical engineering at Lehigh University, Rutgers University, and Columbia University. Clif met the love of his life, Mary Shuey, and the couple married on June 1, 1942. Just a few weeks later, Clif joined the U.S. Army Air Force to lend his expertise as an ammunition specialist during the Second World War. He served with a bomb disposal unit across the European and northern African theaters of war, and earned a Bronze Star in recognition of his service and dedication to the country. At the end of the war, Clif started his long career with the Calco Chemical Company, and he retired in 1985.

In their retirement, Clif and Mary were active and adventurous, traveling extensively with their family. Clif was an active member of our community and enthusiastically shared his knowledge as a longtime member of the Cheshire Army Air Force Round Table and the First Congregational Church. He was also a master chess player and shared his passion for the game with hundreds of elementary school children in after-school programs.

Mr. Speaker, Clif Hartman was a model member of our community whose dedication and willingness to help others serve as a model for those who knew him, and it is fitting and proper that we honor his legacy here today. My condolences go out to his family, including his children Keith and Dale, and his grandchildren Caitlin, Beth, Megan, Erik, Elise, Rebecca, Ryan, and Jeffrey. Clif had an immeasurable impact on Cheshire, Connecticut and the United States of America, and those who knew him will cherish his memory.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY  
OF ALEXANDRA "SANDY"  
BRESLIN

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 6, 2017*

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with the heaviest of hearts that I rise today to join the many family, friends, colleagues, and community leaders who have gathered to pay tribute to one of our community's most ardent and passionate advocates, Alexandra "Sandy" Breslin, who lost her battle with cancer just



days ago. Sandy was an extraordinary woman, whose compassion, dedication, and commitment to public service touched the lives of many and helped to shape the very character of our great state.

Sandy was many things to many people—advocate, activist, mentor, and most importantly, friend. I first met Sandy as a newly elected Member of Congress when she sought me out to talk about the need to preserve and protect the Long Island Sound and the invaluable habitats along its shores. Few have had a larger impact on the preservation and protection of the Long Island Sound than Sandy. She worked with me and others to secure millions of dollars in federal funding to support conservation efforts up and down the Sound's coast and was instrumental in the passage of the Long Island Sound Stewardship Act. She also served as the Connecticut Co-Chair of the Citizens Advisory Committee of the national estuary program for Long Island Sound where she fought for horseshoe crab sanctuaries that protected this ancient creature and helped establish standards for harvesting menhaden that set the stage for the return of whales to the Sound.

Sandy's passionate activism helped to make real many land conservation projects including such local environmental jewels as Kelda, the former Griswold Airport, Long Beach West, The Preserve, and Suffield and Barn Island Wildlife Management Areas; and to expand the Stewart B. McKinney the Silvio O. Conte National Wildlife Refuges. Her outstanding contributions have been recognized with three national awards including a U.S. Department of the Interior Environmental Achievement Award; a Teaming with Wildlife Member Achievement Award for establishing a Connecticut Conservation License Plate; and a Coastal America Award for conservation teamwork at Long Beach West.

In addition to her environmental work, Sandy was also a dedicated advocate for the Town of Bethany, Connecticut. She served as a member of the Inland Wetlands Commission for more than two decades, she worked to renew State funding that resulted in creation of a municipal open space and watershed matching grants program that helped protect Clover Nook Farm, Veteran's Memorial Park and Monument Stables and for more than a decade she served as Bethany's representative on the Regional Policy Board of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, and on its Land Use Committee.

Sandy was also a dedicated member of Connecticut's Democratic Party. She served as the Democratic Town Chair of Bethany for many years and it was under her leadership that the first Democrat in nearly a century was elected First Selectman. In neighboring Woodbridge, she was a driving force behind the election of the first woman to serve as First Selectman in the town's history. Her contributions to local and state politics earned her the respect and admiration of many across the state.

Sandy was a great friend to me and several members of my staff. There was not a time when we could not call her for advice, information, and council. There was not an environmental event in the state that she did not attend—and she likely had a hand in its organization as well. Even under the most frustrating of circumstances, she was there with a smile, ready to roll up her sleeves and get to

work. Sandy was the best—an embodiment of everything we strive to be as advocates for others. Like so many others, I consider myself fortunate to have called her my friend.

Sandy leaves behind her mother, Ruth, as well as scores of family, friends, and colleagues whose lives were touched by her good work. I am proud to stand today and take this opportunity to pay tribute to her lifetime of public service, to thank her for her invaluable contributions, and to honor her lasting memory. Alexandra "Sandy" Breslin has left an indelible mark on the State of Connecticut, the Town of Bethany, and in the hearts of all of those fortunate enough to have known and worked with her. Though her presence will be deeply missed, hers is a legacy that will continue to inspire generations of activists and advocates to come.

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EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO  
THE VICTIMS OF THE TERRORIST  
ATTACK IN LONDON AND  
SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE  
OF ENGLAND

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**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 6, 2017*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the lives of the innocent victims of the horrific attack that took place in London this past weekend.

Seven lives were cut short and dozens more people were injured by the outrageous and heinous acts of terror that shocked the people of London and the world.

At this terrible time, our hearts and prayers are with the victims and their loved ones.

Our gratitude and appreciation goes to the first responders, the intelligence community and all those who selflessly risked their lives and worked together to prevent the terror from spreading farther.

We stand in unyielding solidarity with the people of England, which like the United States, stands against the dark forces that put our way of life at risk.

England will emerge from this and other recent attacks as a stronger nation that remains committed to the values and principles that have made the city a key player in commerce, human rights and democracy.

London has been a world leader in the march of human progress in the arts, culture, science, democratic theory and governance, and in embracing the challenges and opportunities of the modern world.

Those who think that they can terrorize the people of England or the values that the western world cherishes underestimate a nation that has a long history of prevailing against far more sinister and lethal adversaries.

And they will again, but they will not confront these adversaries alone.

They will be joined by the United States and the other countries of the civilized world.

As London recovers and responds, I hope its people and the loved ones of the victims can find comfort in the knowledge that the people in the United States stand in solidarity with them.

The attacks in England are a reminder of the common threat the free, democratic, and peace loving nations of the world face from

those who violently reject the values and norms of our civilized society.

The attacks highlight the extent to which enemies of our shared values are willing to go to threaten the liberties and freedoms enjoyed by those of us living in free societies.

Those responsible for the attacks should make no mistake; they will be held accountable for their horrific actions against humanity.

And as has been done many times throughout the long and special relationship between the United States and England, we will face and overcome threats to our way of life together.

We will not bow and will never break; we will not falter or fail.

We will respond. We will endure. We will overcome.

The horrible and heinous acts of terrorists are their responsibility and theirs alone, and for which they can be assured that they alone will be held accountable.

But that will come another day; today I ask a moment of silence for the victims killed and injured in the terrorist attacks in London.

**ZACHARY SALAS**

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 6, 2017*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Zachary Salas for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Zachary Salas is a student at Bear Creek K-8 School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Zachary Salas is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Zachary Salas for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

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HONORING CALIFORNIA HUMAN  
DEVELOPMENT

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**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 6, 2017*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor California Human Development, as they celebrate their 50th Anniversary this year. This important community organization has played a vital role in fighting poverty across northern California and will continue to help struggling Californians for years to come.

California Human Development (CHD) is a non-profit, human services provider waging the War on Poverty. Founded in 1967, and inspired by labor icon Cesar Chavez, the original focus of CHD was to assist migrant and

seasonal farmworkers by providing training and workforce development services. Over the past five decades, CHD has expanded its role and now serves not only farmworkers, but also people from many different backgrounds. Their patrons include seniors, addiction recovery patients, immigrants seeking to be part of the American Dream, adults living with disabilities, and many more.

CHD has seen incredible success during their past fifty years. Today they serve community members across thirty-one northern California counties. CHD operates twelve community-based farmworker services offices and four Anthony Soto Training Centers, providing jobs and training to their patrons and empowering them to achieve self-sufficiency. Additionally, CHD provides jobs programs, affordable housing options, immigration and citizenship application services, disability services and addiction recovery programs. All told, CHD serves over 25,000 people across northern California.

Mr. Speaker, California Human Development creates opportunities for people from all walks of life and this year celebrates fifty years and over 500,000 lives changed. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor them here today.

IN HONOR OF GREGG ALLMAN

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 6, 2017*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding artist and hometown legend, the late great Gregg Allman. Sadly, on Saturday, May 27, 2017, Gregg passed away peacefully at his home in Savannah, Georgia. A private funeral was held in his hometown of Macon, Georgia on Saturday, June 3, 2017 and he was laid to rest at Macon's Rose Hill Cemetery beside his brother and bandmate, Duane Allman, and bandmate, Berry Oakley.

Born in the "Music City" of Nashville, Tennessee, Gregg Allman's connection to music runs deep. Appropriately, it was a concert in Nashville with Jackie Wilson, Otis Redding, B.B. King, and Patti LaBelle that jumpstarted Gregg's passion for music. Though he is best known as a keyboardist and singer, he also performed on acoustic guitar, which he learned to play from a neighbor. He worked as a paperboy to buy his first Silverstone guitar, which he and his brother often fought to play. Ultimately, it was Duane who became the paramount guitar player of the family.

Gregg and Duane Allman formed a series of bands in cities ranging from Los Angeles to Jacksonville to Muscle Shoals, Alabama. Eventually, in Daytona Beach, they formed what is considered their first "real" band, the Escorts, which later evolved into the Allman Joys. Then in 1969, the Allman Brothers Band officially formed and moved to Macon, Georgia, captivating a generation of music lovers with their distinctive sound. Songs such as "Whipping Post," "Ramblin' Man," and "Midnight Rider" helped define what is known as Southern rock and set the stage for other musicians such as Lynyrd Skynyrd and the Marshall Tucker Band.

In October 1971, Gregg's brother Duane was killed in a motorcycle accident in Macon.

One year later, the band's bassist, Berry Oakley also died in a motorcycle accident just a few blocks from where Duane lost his life. Music was the best release the band members found, so they continued performing and recording over the next four decades. Throughout the years, the band dismantled and reformed several times, allowing Gregg to produce a few solo albums and even one with his former wife, Cher. Eventually, the Allman Brothers Band regrouped for the final time in 1989 and continued performing until 2014.

As a member of the Allman Brothers Band, Gregg Allman was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in 1995. He was also inducted into the Georgia Music Hall of Fame in 2006 and received the Lifetime Achievement Award at the 2012 Grammy Awards. Those who knew Gregg personally spoke fondly of him, describing him as a jokester and a man with a kind heart.

Gregg Allman is survived by his wife, Shannon, five children, and three grandchildren. Not surprisingly, several of his children have played music professionally.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me, my wife Vivian, and the more than 730,000 residents of Georgia's Second Congressional District in recognizing Gregg Allman for his remarkable accomplishments as a pioneering and world-renowned musician. His timeless talent and everlasting legacy live on in the hearts of those who loved him and will continue to be remembered by generations to come.

BATTLE OF MIDWAY

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 6, 2017*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, after his victory over Pearl Harbor, when asked why he wasn't celebrating, Japanese Admiral Yamamoto replied, "I fear all we have done is to awaken a sleeping giant and fill him with a terrible resolve." Admiral Yamamoto was right, and he felt the terrible resolve of this giant on June 4, 1942 at the Battle of Midway. Midway was an important battle in the Pacific theater: it was the turning point that put the United States in an offensive position to take on the Empire of Japan. Those of the Greatest Generation proved that when the peace of this nation is threatened, our people will stand up and fight, bringing the thunder of God upon our enemies.

Japan's goal at Midway Island was to destroy and ambush the remainder of our fleet in hopes of invading Hawaii. In the early morning on June 4th, Japan launched its attack on Midway by bombing the island. This strategy proved to be ineffective. In response, the three U.S. carriers—*Enterprise*, *Hornet* and *Yorktown*—launched fighters and bombers against the Japanese fleet and sank all four Japanese carriers *Akagi*, *Kaga*, *Soryu* and *Hiryu*. These four Japanese aircraft carriers were the same carriers that attacked Pearl Harbor six months earlier. Over the next two days, the Imperial Japanese Navy suffered the loss of four aircraft carriers and hundreds of pilots—pilots that had bombed Pearl Harbor. Japan's defeat at Midway began America's drive on toward Tokyo. On that day, over 300 American sailors

gave their lives for our country. It was Japan's first defeat of WWII.

The victory at Midway was in part due to American intelligence, US codebreakers. These codebreakers were able to decipher the Japanese radio code called JN-25b, which enabled Pacific Fleet Commander and Texan, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, to learn of their exact plans of attack. Admiral Nimitz gained valuable intel leading up to the battle, including the logistics and timing of the attack. As a result of the Navy codebreakers Admiral Nimitz was able to reconstruct the Japanese plan of attack in detail.

Like Admiral Nimitz, there were other great Texans who helped contribute to the victory at Midway. Baytown resident Ronnie Anderson told me the story of his dad, James Wyatt Anderson who served during this time. SF3/C James Anderson was a twelve year Naval veteran of both World War II and the Korean War. He served in the United States Navy on the survey ship, the USS *Bowditch*. He surveyed many invasion sites, including the Marshall Islands, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa. Midway Island was the only overseas assignment where SF3/C James Anderson was able to bring his family. Ronnie said, living on Midway Island, was like living in a kids paradise, especially for a 10 year old boy. Much of Ronnie's time was spent playing war games in the bunkers with the left over mortars and with anti-aircraft shells. Ronnie has several artifacts from the Battle of Midway including a 40mm brass shell and a mortar tube which are great mementos of childhood treasure hunts. Throughout the years, Ronnie passed down eventful island stories to his children and grandchildren. Now Ronnie's 15 year old grandson, Asher Isaacks, has become fascinated with the Battle of Midway and hopes to one day take his grandfather back to the island. Unfortunately, Midway has been closed to tourism by the U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife due to budget constraints. It is now a bird sanctuary because of its ecosystem with little to no predators. The island is home to birds, such as the Short-tailed Albatross "Gooney Birds", Masked Booby, and Great Frigatebird. The history of the island is as great as the birds that live there. Midway was claimed for the United States by Captain N.C. Brookes in 1859 and formally annexed in 1867. Originally, the island was meant to be a coal depot; however, this never came to be. In 1903, President Theodore Roosevelt placed the island under the control of the Navy. The island became a link in the Hawaii-Guam segment of the first transpacific submarine cable. The name "Midway" comes from the island being half the distance from the U.S. and Japan.

As we observe the 75th Anniversary of the Battle of Midway, it is vital we remember heroes like Admiral Chester Nimitz and James Anderson and give Americans, like Ronnie Anderson, the opportunity to return to Midway Island. On Monday, June 5th at 1:30pm, the United States Navy Memorial in Washington D.C. held the 75th Anniversary of the Battle of Midway Commemoration Ceremony. They created the Naval "Sea of White", wreath laying ceremony, and played the live stream from the USS Midway Commemoration Ceremony. The importance of this epic battle is a part history made by the "Greatest Generation".

And that's just the way it is.

## HONORING JOHN BRADLEY

**HON. ANDY BARR**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 6, 2017*

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a very special person, Mr. John Bradley, of Bath County, Kentucky.

Mr. Bradley volunteered to serve in the United States Army and began basic training August 4, 1948. He trained in Food Service School. He served at Fort Knox and Yokohama, Japan before being sent to Pusan, South Korea in 1950. His unit later moved northward to Seoul, where he oversaw the field kitchen, feeding 500 soldiers. Gunfire was constant, both day and night.

Mr. Bradley's time of service was extended for 9 months. While he was serving, his mother died and his daughter was born. He was discharged on May 10, 1952 and returned home to meet his 2-year-old daughter for the first time.

During his time in Korea, Mr. Bradley was awarded the Korean War Occupation Medal, five Bronze Stars, a Merit Unit Citation, a Good Conduct Medal, and the Korean Service Medal. Upon returning home, Mr. Bradley farmed and provided for his family. He is an active member of his community. Mr. Bradley and his wife Edith have been married over 68 years.

Mr. Bradley and so many other men and women volunteered to serve our great nation in the United States military. His sacrifice is appreciated by a grateful nation. Mr. Bradley is truly an American patriot. I am honored to recognize Mr. John Bradley before the United States House of Representatives.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO JOSHELLE HARGUS

**HON. BILLY LONG**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 6, 2017*

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and honor a young student from my district who has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service in her community. Joshelle Hargus of Aurora has just been named one of the distinguished finalists in Missouri by The 2017 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program, an annual honor conferred on the most impressive student volunteers in each state and the District of Columbia.

Ms. Hargus is being recognized for being the creator of "Joshelle's Funky Flip Flops," making more than 500 pairs of handmade flip flops since 2008 and using her earnings from her sales to buy shoes and clothes for 100 kids in need. Inspired to help by a kindergarten classmate's only pair of torn-up shoes, Ms. Hargus has gone on to sell her flip flops at craft shows and spread the word about her cause through events and media appearances.

It's vital that we encourage and support the kind of selfless contribution this young citizen has made. Young volunteers like Ms. Hargus are inspiring examples to all of us, and are among our brightest hopes for a better tomorrow.

The program that brought this young role model to our attention—The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards—was created by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals in 1995 to impress upon all youth volunteers that their contributions are critically important and highly valued, and to inspire other young people to follow their example. Over the past 22 years, the program has become the nation's largest youth recognition effort based solely on community service, and has honored more than 115,000 young volunteers at the local, state and national level.

Ms. Hargus should be extremely proud to have been singled out from the thousands of dedicated volunteers who participated in this year's program. I wish Ms. Hargus luck with all her future endeavors, and urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating her on this momentous achievement.

## IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH COMMENCEMENT OF SPRINGFIELD TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**HON. RICHARD E. NEAL**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 6, 2017*

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, on June 1st, I had the honor to address Springfield Technical Community College (STCC) class of 2017 as their commencement speaker. In my speech below, I explained to the students, faculty, and families assembled that a quality education and working together toward a common purpose, you can accomplish great outcomes even in challenging moments. I want to thank President John B. Cook for his gracious introduction and commend him on his outstanding leadership as STCC celebrates their 50th anniversary. I also want to particularly recognize the over 1000 students of the graduation class of 2017 on completing this important step in their education. I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

"Good evening President Cook, parents, friends and guests. And of course Springfield Technical Community College class of 2017. Or as you are affectionately known in our community in the highest regard—STCC. We define community as a place where no one is to be abandoned and no one is to be left behind.

I am honored to have been chosen to deliver the commencement address for STCC's 50th commencement—or as your neighbors on Federal Street, Merriam-Webster, would say, your 'quinquagenarian.'

The story of STCC begins with the decision of Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara to close the Springfield Armory. In history, it was known as the arsenal at Springfield. Established by General George Washington and administered by his trusted aide General Henry Knox. The college is located on at least three historic sites—the Knox Trail, Ben Franklin's mail route, and the site of Daniel Shays Rebellion which helped bring about the establishment of the United States Constitution, of which the convening is 230 years old as of last Thursday.

However, when Secretary McNamara announced his decision to close the Armory, he

waived off the emotion and sentiments of the day and stood firm in his determination. Consternation, and some even predicted, calamity, would be the result of the Secretary's decision.

A sense of despair settled in with the loss of hundreds of manufacturing jobs. A polarizing debate began over whether or not to use the site in an attempt to secure a different commercial purpose or to use the site for education. Today, coincidentally, both missions have been accomplished. A reminder, once again, that in every crisis there is opportunity.

The dream began with the vision of Edmund Garvey, who had been the principal of Springfield Trade High School. A decision was reached to build an addition to Trade High School, which would be called Springfield Technical Institute. Edmund Garvey's concept would be championed by other notables in our community including then-Springfield Mayor Charles V. Ryan (who actually handed me my high school diploma), Joseph Deliso, a prominent titan of industry, and Representative Anthony M. Scibelli, Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee.

Refusing to be turned back by the usual voices and forces of pessimism and doubt, with alacrity and unyielding determination, they created the only technical community college in Massachusetts. Recall that it was also another native son of Springfield, Governor Foster Furcolo (whose father's doctor's offices still stand on south Main Street) to create the community college system in Massachusetts.

This evening, we acknowledge their conceptualization. How simple but how important—provide education to students in the community so that they might see beyond themselves and give back to humanity.

They predicted the best way to accomplish that goal was to provide a quality education that can translate into opportunity and the dignity that comes with a good job. And not just any job—one that supports our security, our healthcare, our infrastructure, and our social needs.

Although their focus was to create a technical community college, they did something else along the way: they knew how to get a big idea accomplished.

Opportunity is still the theme that is much woven into the fabric of this college's culture. The grounds the community college stands on today has been part of our community for more than two centuries, where it once housed soldiers, guardsman and industrial might. Today it is home to optimism and determination.

There were strong disagreements at the time among community members as to what to do with this historic site. Persistence, patience and positivity was the foundation of STCC's birth.

In hindsight, the founder's unwavering courage was both warranted and wise. Compromises were reached and with the help of Congressman Edward P. Boland, my predecessor, the decision was made to establish next to the Community College a national historic site, "The Springfield Armory" which today is visited by tens of thousands of people. It is the home to the famous gun rack immortalized in Longfellow's poem.

This 50th anniversary is a great example of how we work with our colleagues, community leaders and peers to accomplish extraordinary outcomes that help to lift the clouds of despair. Much of this was accomplished in the

crucible of public life. And remember, as these founders understood, democracy is supposed to be noisy. But then we move to the next plane of achievement. Just as Holmes said, it is conflict that is the core of life, but it is cooperation that brought about this outcome.

As the Democratic leader of the Ways and Means Committee, I work closely on policies that directly impact our economy and America's middle class: trade, health care, taxes and Social Security. One of our tasks is to take on the issues that will have far reaching consequences on the United States economy, revising the tax code and our nation's trade policies to provide greater opportunity for those of you assembled here this evening. I can assure you that the degree you receive tonight is more critical than ever. While we speak of income inequality, and greater concentration of wealth in America, we also should be reminded that the unemployment rate among college graduates in America today is under 4%.

Our economy has undergone major transformations. It has created companies that are highly competitive in the global marketplace. Unfortunately, our workforce has not always adapted and too many workers have been left behind. Globalization, skill-set, decline of private sector unionism and technological advances have been contributing factors in this. It has created what we know today as a "skills gap." Companies have well-paying jobs to fill, but eager workers simply don't have what's needed to qualify for the 650,000 technology jobs available even as we convene this evening. Your accomplishment tonight will be critical to closing the skills-gap and provide incentive to employers for people who want work. And people want to go to work!

The education you received at STCC has emphasized the marriage of training and education. It has set you on a course for good jobs that are desperately needed and are an important part of economic policy debates. While state and local leaders hammer out policies that have direct ties to jobs, there needs to be a parallel discussion with community colleges and employers so we can make these policies a reality. Whatever the education challenges we face—economics and socialization—community colleges will be a profound part of the answer. We can pass all the infrastructure and health packages in the world, but if there aren't workers to carry out those policies, we would have accomplished little. Right here in New England, a recent New England Council/Deloitte Study estimates that over the next decade 20,000 precision manufacturing jobs could go unanswered.

There needs to be a serious discussion—not excitable language—between employers, community leaders and our workforce. Community colleges can provide the bridge between an eager, willing, gifted workforce and employers desperate for skilled employees. A commitment from them to invest in technical and community colleges and apprenticeship programs is an important first step. Institutions like STCC can design curriculum and internship programs to ensure students can receive the skills and education they need that employers are seeking.

But in order to provide these classes, internships and apprenticeships, the private sector and Congress need to work together to provide incentives similar to the Community College Partnership Tax Credit, which would pro-

vide employers with a tax credit for hiring community college graduates. This would encourage business engagement in the community and provide students with opportunities to find good paying jobs upon graduation.

Experience always informs our judgement. It will help shape your understanding and ultimately encourage others to enter the world you plan to thrive in. On a personal note, let me tell you bluntly, the world responds more to aspiration than it does to grievance. Be proud of your accomplishments and your work. I tell you this: your talent, skill, and achievements are as important if not more to federal, state and local policy discussions.

Let me acknowledge the faculty this evening. You lend experience and teaching talents to help students reach their potential. And as I have always noted, when you reach your potential, your potential expands.

Today's economy is certainly complex. The conversation between our workforce and employers requires serious commitment to our community college system. As you move forward into the next step of career choices or additional education, accept the challenge you so proudly have earned to see your ambition as central to the new economy. Stay engaged. We need your voice and your talent.

Have a dream, but have a plan. The STCC founding and experience was born in doubt. But on this 50th anniversary, STCC has risen to become an extraordinary achievement because the founders had a dream and they had a plan. I mentioned earlier the site on which STCC sits has been home to events that have shaped world history. General Washington shaped history; General Knox shaped history; Ben Franklin shaped history; Daniel Shays shaped history; the Springfield Rifle shaped history; John Garand's invention shaped history. STCC has shaped history and tonight your pledge should be to shape history, too.

Thank you President Cook, the Board of Trustees, the faculty, and the students at STCC. And of course, your families who helped make this evening possible. You say it best—STCC works. Congratulations from the United States of America."

IN RECOGNITION OF LAUREN LORIA

**HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 6, 2017*

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to acknowledge one of my constituents from Chantilly, Virginia, Young Marine Master Gunner Sergeant, Lauren Loria, for her exemplary service to our community and our armed forces. This past weekend, Young Marine Loria had the unique opportunity to dedicate a bench at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park to Medal of Honor Recipient Colonel Wesley Fox.

Lauren Loria joined the Young Marines in 2009; the day she turned 8 years old. During her time as a Young Marine, she has consistently met her goals and objectives. She has documented 1,284 volunteer community service hours, participating in programs such as Homes for the Troops, Young Eagles Rally, Honor Flight Color Guards, STEM functions, Wreaths Across America, and Sobriety Checkpoints with MADD. She has also received 259

hours of Drug Demand Reduction/Prevention instruction, which includes peer education training and counseling, and she has attended all three Leadership Schools offered by the Young Marines, including the National Leadership Academy. Lastly, she has received seven Gold Lamp awards, an annual academic achievement for obtaining a 3.5 GPA or higher.

Now 16 years old, Young Marine Loria will be moving on to Freedom High School to complete her high school education, and I wish her the best of luck in all of her future endeavors. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in extending our sincerest recognition and gratitude to Young Marine Loria for all she has done for our community and our nation.

VICTORIA CORRAL-HERNANDEZ

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 6, 2017*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Victoria Corral-Hernandez for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Victoria Corral-Hernandez is a student at Arvada High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Victoria Corral-Hernandez is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Victoria Corral-Hernandez for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 6, 2017*

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, May 25, 2017, my vote was not recorded due to a technical error. I intended to vote YES on H.R. 1761 the Protecting Against Child Exploitation Act.

RECOGNIZING MR. ANDREW LOEB SHOENIG UPON HIS DEPARTURE FROM WASHINGTON

**HON. CHARLES W. DENT**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 6, 2017*

Mr. DENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my great appreciation for a tremendous service that has been rendered to the Congress by Andrew Loeb Shoenig in his capacity as International Programs Director of the Congressional Study Groups.

As you are aware, the Congressional Study Groups are the premier international projects administered by the U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress, and they are the most active and substantive bipartisan exchange involving the U.S. Congress and legislative branches of another country.

Mr. Shoenig has been an integral part of the Study Group's outstanding success for almost six years. He worked tirelessly to enable Members to have a productive and fruitful dialogue with colleagues in the legislatures of Germany, Japan, Turkey, and the E.U. His effective leadership has resulted in the creation of a network of colleagues who have an avenue of discourse, so that the many important international issues that affect our constituencies can be addressed in a constructive and positive manner.

In addition to expressing the appreciation of my colleagues in Congress, I wish to add that on a personal note, it has been a great pleasure working with Andy over the past six years during my chairmanship of the Congressional Study Group on Germany. He is an exceptional professional who has delivered to Members an incredibly valuable and effective service. He is leaving Washington to earn his Master's Degree in Public Administration at the University of North Carolina, and we wish him much success as he pursues this new opportunity.

#### HONORING CLEOPATHIA MOORE-BELL

#### HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 6, 2017*

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor West Modesto/King Kennedy Neighborhood Collaborative Executive Director Cleopathia Moore-Bell, who has announced her retirement after numerous years of dedicated service.

In addition to being a founding member of the Christ Unity Baptist Church in 1991, Ms. Moore-Bell took the initiative to create the Stanislaus Multicultural Community Health Coalition/West Modesto King Kennedy Neighborhood Collaborative. She pioneered this movement because she felt the need to captivate and motivate community residents to become more involved with refining the community's health. Thanks to her dedication to her community, this movement was able to serve as a blueprint for the Stanislaus County Public Health's involvement with Partnership for the Public's Health (PPH). From the partnership with PPH, Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) was born. Through this, Ms. Moore-Bell was once again able to become an active participant engaging in all aspects of health care, community, and government, unifying them to plan a strategy on how to tackle critical health and safety affairs in communities.

Ms. Moore-Bell continues to be committed to her community by advocating for the improvement of health for children and families. Specifically, she focuses on assisting low-income and multicultural populations. She currently serves on the Chief Executive Office (CEO) Stewardship Council for "Focus on Prevention," which is a project designed to draw

a spotlight on homelessness, strengthening families, increasing education attainment, and improving health.

It is evident that Cleopathia has a passion to go above and beyond in her field. Her work exemplifies a spirit that is full of joy, optimism, and progress and inspires all who worked with her to create a better community.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring and commending Cleopathia Moore-Bell for her many years of service, devotion, and outstanding contributions to public health in her community. We wish her continued success in her retirement.

#### HONORING REV. PATRICK OLIVER LINDSEY FOR 25 YEARS OF SERVICE AS LEAD PASTOR OF GREATER BIBLEWAY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

#### HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 6, 2017*

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, along with my colleagues, Representatives DEBBIE DINGELL and BRENDA LAWRENCE, to recognize the outstanding service that Rev. Patrick Oliver Lindsey has provided to the Greater Bibleway Missionary Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan, over the past 25 years.

For years, this church has been a pillar in the Detroit community, providing more than just spiritual guidance. At the helm has been stalwart lead Pastor Lindsey, who has served tirelessly to ensure the needs of his congregation are met. In June 1992, when Pastor Lindsey assumed the pastorate, he was charged with cultivating the congregation's spiritual growth and development, while overseeing the implementation of the ministry's strategic plan and directing the administration of the church's ecclesiastical and business affairs. Pastor Lindsey successfully spearheaded Phase 1 of the church's building project—a complete renovation of the existing facilities, and he founded the Rev. CJ Henderson Scholarship, which provides students with financial support in their pursuit of higher education.

Pastor Lindsey has been a tireless servant, not only to his church, but to the entire Detroit Metropolitan Community. Pastor Lindsey volunteers his time to serve in a multitude of leadership roles in community organizations such as: Vice Moderator of the Pleasant Grove Baptist District Association, Board Chair of Community-in-Schools of Metropolitan Detroit, and is a board member of the Urban League of Detroit and Southeast Michigan. He is also a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and the University of Michigan Alumni Association.

Pastor Lindsey was born to Deacon John (deceased) and Ida Lindsey, and raised on the eastside of Detroit. He was educated in Detroit and Highland Park Public School systems and matriculated to the University of Michigan where he graduated in 1981 with a Bachelor's degree in Political Science. He is married to another spiritual servant, his wife Kathy, and they have two wonderful children: Kendall (a junior at University of Michigan) and Kaylyn (a sophomore at Wayne State University).

Pastor Lindsey currently serves as Vice President of Government and Community Af-

fairs at Wayne State University. In this position, he oversees the federal and state affairs offices, which support the University's goals and strategic plan by working with key stakeholders to ensure adequate funding for the institution's more than 27,000 students enrolled in its 13 schools and colleges.

As you can see, Pastor Lindsey's reach has no bounds. His is truly, first of all, a servant of all. On Saturday, June 10, 2017, he will be honored by the Greater Bibleway Missionary Baptist Church. Today, we urge our colleagues to join us in honoring Pastor Lindsey's selfless leadership in the church and in his community over the past 25 years.

#### RECOGNIZING CARMELLA SABAUGH

#### HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 6, 2017*

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my gratitude to Carmella Sabaugh, who retired from her position as Macomb County Clerk at the beginning of this year. This week she is being honored for her 40 years of distinguished public service.

Carmella Sabaugh began her public career in 1975, when as a young mother of 5 children she was elected to the Warren City Council. She was elected as Warren City Clerk in 1979, a position she held for 11 years, and in 1992, she was elected as Macomb County Clerk. She was subsequently re-elected as County Clerk five times, and chose not to run again in 2016.

As Macomb County Clerk, Carmella was singularly focused on providing model customer service, and worked with her office's team of committed public employees to introduce innovations which made citizens' interactions with the Clerk's office as simple as possible. During Carmella's 24 years as Clerk, her office received 65 Achievement Awards from the National Association of Counties (NACo). These awards highlight innovative programs instituted at the local level, and the programs are shared with clerks around the country as models they can look to as they seek to improve their own operations.

Among her many accomplishments, Carmella and her team made it easier for people to register and exercise their right to vote, created programs to help prevent real estate and other fraud, brought innovations to the operation of the jury room at the Macomb County Circuit Court, and created county photo ID cards for veterans and a program to help veteran's survivors access benefits. And over the years, as new technology and other ways to improve the operation of the Clerk's office became available, Carmella made sure that her office never stopped innovating. Two examples related to awards the Clerk's office received from NACo help to illustrate Carmella's commitment to using new advances to modernize her office, even if that advance replaced something which just a few years earlier had been recognized as a best practice. In 2010, the County Clerk's office received an award for providing jurors waiting to be called for duty to receive pagers so that they could be notified that they were due in court. In 2016, the office received an award for using

text messages to do the same thing. And in 2005, the Macomb County Clerk's office was recognized for providing free bus rides to jurors, while in 2016, they received an award for providing jurors with Uber rides to the court.

Those who know Carmella Sabaugh well, as I do, know that her excellence in public service is matched by the quality of her friendship. In the many years I have known her, I have deeply appreciated her warmth, kindness, and generosity of spirit.

Mr. Speaker, Carmella Sabaugh provided the people of Macomb County with truly outstanding service for 40 years. I encourage my colleagues to join me in expressing deep appreciation for all she has done, and in wishing her well in retirement.

#### HONORING JERRY THATCHER

#### HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 6, 2017*

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life of a very special Kentuckian, Mr. Jerry Thatcher.

Mr. Thatcher spent 34 years as an educator in Bath County, Kentucky. He taught at Bethel Elementary and Bath County Middle School. He served as assistant principal at Owingsville Elementary School and as principal at Crossroads Elementary School. Mr. Thatcher also coached soccer, basketball, and tennis and sponsored the Beta Club and many science fairs. He was passionate about education and was a lasting influence on countless lives.

Following his retirement in 2016, Mr. Thatcher became involved in the Kentucky Patriot Guard Riders. While returning from his third mission, he tragically lost his life in an accident. He is survived by his wife Melanie, two sons, and two grandchildren. In memory of his exemplary life, a stretch of US 60 between two of the schools he served is being named the "Jerry Thatcher Memorial Highway."

Mr. Thatcher was a passionate educator, dedicated family man, follower of Christ, and patriotic American. I am honored to recognize the life of Mr. Jerry Thatcher before the United States House of Representatives.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO MEREDITH SHARP

#### HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 6, 2017*

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and honor a young student from my district who has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service in her community. Meredith Sharp of Springfield has just been named one of the top honorees in Missouri by The 2017 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program, an annual honor conferred on the most impressive student volunteers in each state and the District of Columbia.

Ms. Sharp is being recognized for raising over \$13,000 to provide new athletic shoes for all 311 students at a local elementary school in a low-income area of Springfield. She cre-

ated a nonprofit organization called "Just for Kicks," then began seeking donations in person and by mail from relatives, neighbors and business leaders. While she had hoped to collect enough money to buy shoes for one class of kids, she had collected enough for an entire school in just a matter of months.

It's vital that we encourage and support the kind of selfless contribution this young citizen has made. Young volunteers like Ms. Sharp are inspiring examples to all of us, and are among our brightest hopes for a better tomorrow.

The program that brought this young role model to our attention—The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards—was created by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals in 1995 to impress upon all youth volunteers that their contributions are critically important and highly valued, and to inspire other young people to follow their example. Over the past 22 years, the program has become the nation's largest youth recognition effort based solely on community service, and has honored more than 115,000 young volunteers at the local, state and national level.

Ms. Sharp should be extremely proud to have been singled out from the thousands of dedicated volunteers who participated in this year's program. I wish Ms. Sharp luck with all her future endeavors, and urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating her on this momentous achievement.

#### VICTORIA MCCOLLUM

#### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 6, 2017*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Victoria McCollum for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Victoria McCollum is a student at Arvada West High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Victoria McCollum is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Victoria McCollum for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

#### LT. COL. AND STAFF

#### HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 6, 2017*

Mrs. HARTZLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize United States Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Molly Nelson and her entire Veterans Affairs staff. Lt. Col. Nelson is a Doctor in the Missouri VA Clinic and has dedicated

her life to healing and helping veterans who have risked their lives for our country.

Lt. Col. Nelson and her staff continuously go the extra mile for our veterans to make sure they get immediate and effective care. I am honored to share my gratitude and respect for this Missouri Clinic and their dedication and compassion are an inspiration to us all.

#### HONORING THEA MEI LEE, DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF FOR THE AFL-CIO ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

#### HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 6, 2017*

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, along with my colleagues, PETER A. DEFazio, DEBBIE DINGELL, KEITH ELLISON, MARCY KAPTUR, BARBARA LEE, SANDER M. LEVIN, JAMES P. MCGOVERN, BILL PASCRELL Jr., MARK POCAN, and ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT. It is our honor to join the many family, friends, and colleagues in extending our deepest thanks and appreciation to Thea Mei Lee, as she marks her retirement as Deputy Chief of Staff at the AFL-CIO.

Over the past twenty years, Thea has made an indelible impact on the AFL-CIO, fighting for trade and economic policies for working families that would promote shared prosperity and sustainable growth. Thea began working for the AFL-CIO in March 1997 as the Assistant Director for the Trade Task Force, and was subsequently promoted to the positions of Director of Public Policy, Chief International Economist and Deputy Chief of Staff.

Thea led the fight against harmful trade agreements and policies negotiated in a manner damaging to working people's interests, including the North American Free Trade Agreement, the Central American Free Trade Agreement, Permanent Normal Trade Relations with China, the World Trade Organization; the U.S.-Colombia Free Trade Agreement, the U.S.-Korea Free Trade Agreement, the U.S.-China BIT, and many others.

Her work was instrumental to the defeat of the Trans-Pacific Partnership, the Free Trade Agreement of the Americas, and the Multilateral Investment Agreement—harmful trade agreements that would have advanced profits over people and the planet.

She has testified on behalf of America's working people before both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate. And, she has contributed valued work to the conversation around fair trade, including co-authoring A Field Guide to the Global Economy.

She has often made the case for a fair and inclusive economy—eloquently and passionately on the PBS News Hour, CNN, Good Morning America, and NPR's All Things Considered among others. In 2013, she was named a "Top Lobbyist" by The Hill.

Thea has fought to ensure that all workers around the globe are treated with dignity and afforded fundamental labor rights as recognized by the International Labor Organization. And, she has mobilized workers, helping turn out thousands of working people to protest unjust WTO policies at "The Battle in Seattle."

The AFL-CIO sets a national standard in the fight for working Americans, in large part

because of Thea's work. She has left her mark on this outstanding organization and a legacy that will continue to inspire others to ensure that fair trade benefits working Americans. Her career should encourage all elected officials to continue to focus on building a better, stronger, more inclusive economy for all the people of the United States.

We are honored to stand today to extend our heartfelt thanks and congratulations to Thea Lee for her outstanding leadership and good work, as well as our very best wishes for many more years of health and happiness as she enjoys her retirement.

COMMEMORATING THE 73RD ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY AND REMEMBERING THE MEMBERS OF THE GREATEST GENERATION WHO SAVED FREEDOM IN THE WORLD

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 6, 2017*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, today, June 6, marks the 73rd anniversary of D-Day, the Allied Forces' audacious amphibious landing at Normandy, France, on June 6, 1944.

This joint undertaking to liberate the continent of Europe from the clutches of an evil and aggressor enemy was the first and most emphatic demonstration of the invincible strength of democratic nations when acting collectively.

For nearly seventy years, from April 4, 1949 to January 20, 2017, peace in Europe has been secured and no adversary, not the old Soviet Union or the contemporary Russian Federation, has dared to risk war by attacking a European ally of the United States because every American president has made clear that the United States is committed to Article V of the North Atlantic Treaty which holds that an attack on any NATO member is regarded as an attack on all of them.

Mr. Speaker, "Operation Overlord," as D-Day was formally known, was the largest single amphibious assault in the history of warfare.

The success of D-Day, which was far from certain at the outset, led to the liberation of Western Europe, signaled the death knell of the German Wehrmacht, and paved the way to unconditional victory by the Allied Forces over the evils of Nazism, fascism, and Japanese imperialism.

It is no exaggeration to say that D-Day changed the course of human history.

The aim of the meticulously planned D-Day operation was to open a second front in the European war theater from which the Allied Forces could attack the German army and push east to capture Berlin.

With the Russian Army advancing from the east, coupled with the southern front opened by the Allied invasion of Italy from North Africa in 1942, the opening of a western front would set in motion the pincer movement that would catch the German Army in a trap from which there would be no escape.

The formidable German Army expected that the Allied Forces would try to launch an invasion from the western beaches of France.

They just did not know when or where.

So in anticipation of an Allied invasion, the Nazis constructed the infamous Atlantic Wall, an extensive system of coastal fortifications built along the western coast of Europe and Scandinavia.

Under the direction of Field Marshal Rommel, the Atlantic Wall was reinforced by the addition of concrete pillboxes built along the beaches to house machine guns, antitank guns and light artillery.

Mines and antitank obstacles were planted on the beaches themselves and underwater obstacles and mines were placed in waters just off shore.

By the time of the D-Day landing, the Nazis had laid almost six million mines in northern France.

And awaiting Allied soldiers who made their way onto and away from the beaches were gun emplacements and minefields extended inland.

"War is hell," said General William Tecumseh Sherman during the Civil War.

And that is an apt description of what awaited the brave Allied warriors who set sail from England to the beaches of Normandy in the early morning of June 6, 1944, at the beginning of what has rightly been called "The Longest Day."

But they were buoyed in their resolve by the millions of prayers from Americans and others back home, of all races, religions, and creeds, invoking the Lord's blessing, mercy, and grace.

With the outcome in doubt, President Franklin Roosevelt asked the nation to join him in this solemn prayer:

Almighty God: Our sons, pride of our nation, this day have set upon a mighty endeavor, a struggle to preserve our Republic, our religion, and our civilization, and to set free a suffering humanity.

Lead them straight and true; give strength to their arms, stoutness to their hearts, steadfastness in their faith.

They will need Thy blessings.

For these men are lately drawn from the ways of peace.

They fight not for the lust of conquest.

They fight to end conquest.

They fight to liberate.

They fight to let justice arise, and tolerance and goodwill among all Thy people.

They yearn but for the end of battle, for their return to the haven of home.

The prayers were needed because the cost of D-Day was high; U.S. casualties on D-Day totaled more than 2,499 dead, 3,184 wounded, 1,928 missing, and 26 captured.

Our British and Canadian allies suffered terrible losses on D-Day as well: approximately 2,700 for the British and 946 for the Canadians. German casualties are estimated at 4,000 to 9,000.

In total, the number of combatants killed, wounded or missing in the Battle of Normandy for both sides exceeded 425,000, not including the estimated 15,000 to 20,000 French civilians killed.

But the operation was a success.

More than 156,000 troops or paratroopers came ashore on D-Day, 73,000 from the U.S., 83,000 from Great Britain and Canada.

By the end of June 11, D-Day plus 5, 326,547 troops, 54,186 vehicles and 104,428 tons of supplies had come ashore.

And with them the seeds for the victory in Europe that would come less than a year later, on May 8, 1945, with the fall of Berlin and the unconditional surrender of the Nazis.

On the eve of the Normandy invasion, General Dwight D. Eisenhower, the Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces, addressed the soldiers, sailors, and airmen of the Allied Expeditionary Forces and said to them that they were about to embark upon a "Great Crusade," and that the "eyes of the world" were upon them.

He told them that their task would not be easy because the "enemy is well trained, well equipped and battle-hardened. He will fight savagely."

But, General Eisenhower said, "this is the year 1944. The tide has turned. The free men of the world are marching together to victory."

And march to victory they did, fully justifying General Eisenhower's "confidence in their courage, devotion to duty, and skill in battle."

Because of the heroism of these men who willingly risked their lives to be the tip of the spear of liberty, the war was won and a world was saved for freedom.

Mr. Speaker, D-Day was, and remains, a day like no other in the history of man's sojourn on earth.

We remember Gettysburg.

There, President Lincoln paid tribute to those "who gave their lives so that the nation might live."

It is equally fitting and proper that we never forget D-Day and that we continue to honor those who risked all and gave all so that the world could remain free.

IN RECOGNITION OF FLUTONIC HARMONICS FLUTE STUDIO

**HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 6, 2017*

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a local flute studio and flute choir in my district, Flutonic Harmonics, for their hard work, dedication to the arts, and immense achievements for which they have attained national recognition over the past year. Local choirs and organizations, like Flutonic Harmonics, are vital to engaging our youth and expanding their educational experience beyond the classroom.

Flutonic Harmonics is led by my constituent, Michelle Rubis, of Purcellville, Virginia, and under her leadership they have experienced tremendous success. Last year, the flute choir performed before the entire Purcellville Town Council and subsequently at the Universal STARS Performance Program. This annual event takes place at Universal Studios in Orlando, Florida, and gives some of the nation's most prestigious marching bands, concert bands, dance teams, choirs, or other performing groups the opportunity to showcase their talents on a national stage in front of thousands of Universal Studios visitors. Additionally, this program allows for these young musicians to interact with other talented artists around the country.

This coming June, Flutonic Harmonics will be recording their recital and sending it to several famous venues in New York, Boston, and even Italy for consideration. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Flutonic Harmonics and Michelle Rubis for their participation in Universal STARS Performance Program and for their exemplary



dedication, impressive talent, and noteworthy accomplishments. I wish them all the best in their future endeavors and look forward to seeing all they will accomplish in the years to come.

#### HONORING MALCOLM STOKELY

##### HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 6, 2017*

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a very special individual, Mr. Malcolm Stokely, of Clark County, Kentucky. Mr. Stokely, a part of the Greatest Generation, answered his nation's call to service during World War II.

Mr. Stokely enlisted in the United States Army on March 28, 1945. After training in Texas, he was sent to Missouri to board a massive train that transported thousands of troops across the Rocky Mountains to Portland, Oregon. The troops then boarded a ship, which, unknown to them, was part of a top-secret invasion party of hundreds of ships and thousands of troops headed for Japan. While en route, the United States dropped the first atomic bomb on Japan, which was ineffective in stopping the war. After the second bomb was dropped and Japan surrendered, the troops were told they had actually been headed for Japan and thousands of them likely would have died in battle. After the surrender, the ships turned around. Mr. Stokely's ship landed in Hawaii where he served out the remainder of his tour in the signal corps. He was discharged on December 9, 1946.

Mr. Stokely returned home to lead an active and productive life. At the age of 93, he is a regular on the golf course and leads an aerobics class. He is very active in his church, Ephesus Baptist, where he serves as a deacon and choir leader.

The bravery of Mr. Stokely and his fellow men and women of the United States military is heroic. Because they were willing to serve our great nation, our freedoms have been preserved for our generation and for future generations. He is truly an outstanding American patriot. It is my honor to recognize him before the United States House of Representatives.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO GRANBY FIRST CHURCH OF GOD

##### HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 6, 2017*

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Granby First Church of God on 100 years of service and dedication to the Granby community.

Granby First Church of God, which was first known as the "old rock church," opened its doors in 1917. Since then, the church has welcomed thousands of people from all different walks of life. When Joplin was hit by a devastating tornado in May of 2011, Granby First Church of God didn't hesitate to open its doors for people outside their community. As people came in to volunteer and help with clean-up, they were allowed to use the Family Life Center as a place to stay.

Granby First Church of God is vital to the Granby, Missouri community.

I am honored to recognize Granby First Church of God and its dedication to not only southwest Missouri, but the many communities throughout the area. On behalf of Missouri's 7th Congressional District, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in congratulating Granby First Church of God on 100 years of service.

#### TIARA SISNEROS

##### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 6, 2017*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Tiara Sisneros for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Tiara Sisneros is a student at Arvada High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Tiara Sisneros is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Tiara Sisneros for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

#### HONORING MR. VERNE ALLISON AND THE DELLS

##### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 6, 2017*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the R&B music group, the Dells. Mr. Verne Allison, the last surviving member of the Dells, was visiting Washington, D.C. over the last few days so I wanted to take this opportunity to recognize the group and their outstanding music.

Originally from Chicago, Illinois, the Dells formed out of a group of young men still in high school: Marvin Junior, Verne Allison, Johnny Funches, Chuck Barksdale and Mickey and Lucius McGill. They originally called themselves the El-Rays, but changed their name to The Dells once they signed with Vee Jay Records in 1955. It was at this record company where they released their hit recording, "Oh What a Night," which, at one point, finished right behind Elvis' "Don't Be Cruel" on the music charts. By the early 1960s, with their reach growing, the Dells were able to tour with big artists like Dinah Washington and Ray Charles, opening for them and exposing themselves to much bigger audiences.

A soundtrack to the 1960s would not be complete without soulful melodies from groups like the Dells. At a time of constant political and social upheaval, a Washingtonian could turn on the radio and be serenaded with

songs like the Dells' "Give Your Baby a Standing Ovation" and "Stay in My Corner," a 1965 top 30 R&B hit. Decades passed and the Dells' music largely adapted. Members of the band remained largely stable. Their final work was the "The Heart is a House for Love," part of a soundtrack for a movie in 1991. The Dells were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2004. Today, Verne Allison, one of the original members of the Dells, is the band's only surviving member.

While Mr. Allison was in my district, he worked closely with DC Legendary Musicians. This organization works to protect the legacy of D.C. area musicians, past and present, and promote the music of artists from Washington around the globe. Although Mr. Allison and the Dells are from Chicago, DC Legendary Musicians recognizes the impact that music from artists like the Dells—who have performed locally at the Howard Theater, Constitution Hall and the Kennedy Center—have had on D.C. and its own music scene and history. Their work is crucial to ensuring this essential part of D.C. culture stays intact. I thank DC Legendary Musicians for their contributions to the District.

I ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Mr. Verne Allison and the Dells. We celebrate their harmonious and soulful music that is part of the rich American tapestry that is Rhythm and Blues. I am very pleased we can still listen to it today.

#### HONORING THE VICTIMS AND HISTORY OF THE MS "ST. LOUIS"

##### HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 6, 2017*

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 78th anniversary of the day that 937 mostly Jewish refugees aboard the MS *St. Louis* were denied entry to the United States.

In the summer of 1939, fleeing unspeakable horrors under Hitler's regime, men, women, and children set sail in search of refuge. After being denied entry to the United States, Canada, and Cuba, many refugees were eventually accepted into several European countries. Over a quarter, however, were not so lucky and lost their lives in concentration camps.

The Brooklyn Synagogue Coalition for Refugees is one of many Jewish communities across the country that will gather to hold a candlelight vigil to honor the victims and history of this anniversary.

At a time when acts of fear and intolerance have dictated policies to yet again shut America's doors to those fleeing harm, we must remain committed to ensuring that America is and will continue to be a place of hope and second chances.

I'd like to thank the Brooklyn Synagogue Coalition for Refugees for their hard work and dedication to the Jewish community. As we reflect on this tragic occasion, let us recommit to ensuring that no one who is in desperate need is turned away from our country's shores.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR.  
CHRISTOPHER J. QUINN

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 6, 2017*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Christopher J. Quinn on his selection as President-Elect of the American Optometric Association (AOA). Dr. Quinn will be installed as the AOA's 96th President during the 120th Congress of the House of Delegates this year.

Dr. Quinn's long-standing involvement with the AOA exemplifies his dedication to the association and the greater medical community. He has served on the Board of Trustees since 2008 and is a liaison trustee to the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education and the American Academy of Optometry. Throughout his career, Dr. Quinn has also been a member of the AOA Federal Relations Committee, the AOA State Government Relations Committee, and has also served as an AOA representative to the American Medical Association's Resource Based Relative Value Upstate Committee—Health Care Professionals Advisory Committee.

In addition to his experience with the AOA, Dr. Quinn is past president of the New Jersey Society of Optometric Physicians, a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry and is an adjunct professor at the Pennsylvania College of Optometry, State University of New York, New England College of Optometry, University of California at Berkeley and The Ohio State University. He is also the owner and president of Omni Eye Services in New Jersey.

Mr. Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in congratulating Dr. Quinn as President-Elect of the American Optometric Association and thanking him for his commitment to his patients and the field of optometry.

NATIONAL REPUBLIC DAY OF  
AZERBAIJAN

**HON. DONALD M. PAYNE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 6, 2017*

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the National Republic Day of Azerbaijan commemorating Azerbaijan's 99th year of independence and democracy. In 1918, Azerbaijan became the first democratic and secular Muslim country in the world. However, in 1920, the country was absorbed into the Soviet Union. After seven decades, Azerbaijan prevailed over the forces of communism to restore the country's independence in 1991, following the collapse of the Soviet Union. Azerbaijan's National Republic Day highlights the nation's significant contributions to global stability, and religious tolerance.

As an unwavering U.S. ally, Azerbaijan has provided vital resources for U.S. and NATO forces and fought side-by-side with U.S. troops in Afghanistan. The United States is grateful for Azerbaijan's security contributions in Afghanistan, Kosovo and Iraq as well as the country's commitment to global nonproliferation efforts.

As a tolerant and secular Muslim-majority nation, Azerbaijan is dedicated to religious pluralism and ensuring the right of religious freedom. Azerbaijan is home to a thriving Jewish community and since the early 1990s, bilateral relations between Azerbaijan and Israel have grown in the fields of intelligence sharing, security coordination and economic development.

I commend Azerbaijan for their participation in the international community as a member of the United Nations (UN), North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE).

Azerbaijan is a strong partner of the United States in a strategically important and complex region of the world. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Azerbaijani people on their National Republic Day.

RECOGNIZING "MARY A. WHALEN"

**HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ**

OF NEW YORK

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Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of the launch of the NYC Ferry South Brooklyn route, I rise to recognize the 79th birthday of the tanker *Mary A. Whalen* (The *Mary*).

The *Mary* was launched in May of 1938, and now serves as a vital community landmark and asset in Red Hook, Brooklyn. As home to PortSide NewYork, a nonprofit organization, the tanker is a vessel for arts, education and vocational programs as well as public access to the waterfront.

By recognizing the importance of a life of continued learning, PortSide NewYork developed Red Hook WaterStories. As a digital museum, WaterStories is a resource for both locals and visitors to learn about the history and present of the Red Hook Waterfront.

PortSide NewYork received a 2013 Champions of Change White House Award for their Superstorm Sandy preparations that protected the *Mary* followed by creating a pop-up aid station to ensure recovery efforts for the community after the storm.

The *Mary* is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and is the only oil tanker cultural center in the world. On June 1, 2017, the NYC Ferry will make its maiden journey to Red Hook, pulling up right beside the *Mary*.

I applaud PortSide NewYork for their dedication to serving the communities ashore and afloat, the Red Hook community and the maritime community of this port. On this joyful day, I wish them many more years of continued learning and success.

MARK GALLAGHER'S ENDURING  
LEGACY

**HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow the Gallagher family will lay to rest a beloved husband, father, brother, grandfather and great grandfather—Mark Gallagher.

I worked with Mark for many years in his capacity as the key U.S. Conference of Catholic

Bishops lobbyist for the poor and unborn. Mark was a quiet but extraordinarily powerful force. While the full reach of his impactful life can only be known to God, those of us who were blessed to know him witnessed the many ways his persevering work made a positive difference for the lives of the weakest and most vulnerable.

First hired by the National Committee for a Human Life Amendment in 1974, Mark formally took up the cause just one year after *Roe v. Wade* stripped the unborn child of all legal protection. He eventually represented the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops as their lead lobbyist until his retirement in 2007. Over the course of those three decades, Mark played an integral role in every pro-life effort in Congress.

He educated an entire generation of lawmakers on the arguments for protecting the unborn, at a time when few others could be found on Capitol Hill with this expertise.

Mark's skillfulness and serene demeanor was critical to the enactment of and defense of the Hyde amendment—the landmark amendment preventing federal funding of abortion that has saved the lives of at least two million people. Two million people who have been aborted instead survived because public funds were unavailable to effectuate their violent demise.

Mark was as concerned about the plight of women facing an unplanned pregnancy as he was about their unborn children. A former worker for U.S. anti-poverty programs like Catholic Charities, he was happy to take part in efforts to pass the Family and Medical Leave Act and the Refundable Child Tax Credit.

A brilliant strategist for the causes he served, Mark was always selfless and self-effacing. Thanks to Mark's mastery of intricate details of the rules of Congress, all the legislative recommendations of the Meese Report, i.e. the Attorney General's commission to combat pornography, were enacted into law.

Beyond living out a Christ-like care for the vulnerable in the political realm, Mark also labored for souls, becoming a permanent deacon in the Catholic Church in 1996.

Someday soon, America will protect the weakest and most vulnerable. And into eternity Mark Gallagher played a critical part in this all-important human rights struggle. We are grateful for the gift of his life and pray for his family in their time of grief.

INTRODUCTION OF A JOINT RESOLUTION  
COMMEMORATING THE  
BRAVERY OF RICK BEST,  
TALIESIN MYRDDIN NAMKAI-MECHE,  
AND MICAH DAVID-COLE  
FLETCHER

**HON. EARL BLUMENAUER**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 6, 2017*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, today I, with Representatives SUZANNE BONAMICI, PETER DEFAZIO, KURT SCHRADER, and GREG WALDEN and the support of Sens. WYDEN and MERKLEY, am introducing a resolution commemorating the bravery of Rick Best, Taliesin Myrddin Namkai-Meche, and Micah David-Cole Fletcher. These courageous heroes

stood up against hate and injustice. Rick, Taliesin, and Micah make us proud to be Oregonians. This resolution is to honor these heroes, help our community heal, and allow for introspection and broader discussion. As we begin the process of healing, we must all continue to protect one another, help one another, and work for peace and justice. I urge the House to pass this resolution.

CONGRATULATING THE BROOKLYN  
CHINESE-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

**HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to congratulate the Brooklyn Chinese-American Association (BCA) on its 29th Anniversary Celebration. BCA offers life-changing services to numerous communities that have become collectively known as “Brooklyn Chinatown”.

Since its establishment in 1988, BCA has helped to meet the needs of Brooklyn’s rapidly

growing Asian-American community. Their daycare programs nurture children and their senior centers give the elderly a chance to meet, socialize and stay active.

Through adult educational programs, BCA helps immigrants adjust to their new communities. Further, by providing naturalization assistance, BCA aids applicants in the process of becoming an American citizen.

BCA is committed to preserving and revitalizing local neighborhoods, supporting clean-up campaigns and fighting for crime prevention and victim’s rights.

Thanks to the hard work of the staff and community at BCA, Brooklyn’s communities are a better place to live, work and celebrate a diverse cultural heritage.